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BOROUGH CHIEFS ALARMED BY THREAT TO CATTLE MARKET SITE

Prime town centre site sale could disrupt plans

By **IAN READ**

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COUNCIL chiefs fear a Coalition Government sell-off of the former cattle market could wreck major redevelopment work in the town centre.

The site, in Elwick Road, is owned by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) and borough councillors want to see it developed as part of the on-going work to transform the land running in parallel with the railway line.

But Seeda is due to be wound up later this year and assets could be sold off to bolster central government coffers.

Council chief executive John Bunnett said: "We have been working closely with Seeda, Kent County Council and other parties to lobby for Ashford land assets to be used in the best interests of the borough.

"Ashford was first to make the case that this land should be purchased and put into public ownership so there could be more control in getting the right mix of uses and to a high standard.

"We remain committed to securing the best we can from these key sites so residents can enjoy the benefits of a stronger town centre with more jobs, shops and leisure facilities.

"We accept the need for the Government to realise assets to reduce the deficit, but there is a strong case for Ashford that a longer perspective is needed if the public purse is to get full benefit from the sites acquired a few years ago."

It has been feared developers could snap up key parcels of land made available by the sell-off and sit on them to create 'land banks'. Any

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Close tabs kept on sewage leak scene

THE impacts of a "major pollution incident" following a leak of untreated sewage are being closely monitored.

The clean-up operation following the leak at the Tenterden waste water sewerage treatment works has finished, although the longer term impacts on wildlife are being recorded by the Environment Agency.

A series of inspections have taken place to check the impact the sewerage and the clean up operation has had on wildlife in the Newmill Channel in Rolvenden.

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Club drives ahead with cash raised

A GOLF club has collected more than £12,000 for a cancer charity over the course of the last year.

Chart Hills Golf Club in Biddenden has raised £12,170 for Macmillan Cancer Support after kind-hearted members donated throughout the last 12 months.

To mark the remarkable fundraising total, club captains Keith Sinclair and Angela Reece recently handed over the cheque to Laura Kennedy, Kent fundraising manager for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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Agency monitoring sewage leak impact

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Richard Moyse, head of conservation at Kent Wildlife Trust, said: “Incidents such as this can have a major impact on wildlife in rivers and streams, including killing aquatic invertebrates and fish.

“However, rapid action such as that put in place by the Environment Agency, can minimise the damage and help wildlife recover. The trust is confident everything necessary is



CLEAN-UP: Aeration equipment (front) and hydrogen peroxide (back) were brought in by the EA

being done in this case.

“Controls on water pollution are increasingly strict, with the result that rivers and streams have become

much cleaner.

“But we must not be complacent. We expect water companies to take all possible measures to ensure incidents such as this do not happen again.”

A faulty valve at the facility in Rolvenden led to the leak, although this has now been repaired.

Southern Water and the Environment Agency officers used aeration equipment and hydrogen peroxide to increase oxygen levels, helping to save fish and other wildlife. A Southern Water official said: “We contacted the EA immediately and began an operation to protect and restore the environment.

“This involved pumping oxygen into the water to help save fish and wildlife.

“The agency is now scaling down its operation on site and the oxygenation process has ceased.

“Monitoring of the watercourse will continue by the Environment Agency and Southern Water, as is common practice after such incidents.”

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Another generous round

A GOLF club has collected thousands of pounds for a cancer charity.

Chart Hills Golf Club in Biddenden raised £12,170 for Macmillan Cancer Support through members’ donations over the last year.

Club captains Keith Sinclair and Angela Reece handed over the cheque to Laura Kennedy, Kent fund-raising manager for Macmillan. Members donated prizes for raffles and auctions and raised additional funds by charging anyone who found the water on the course’s infamous island 17th hole.

Mr Sinclair said: “We are constantly astounded by the generosity of people who dig very deeply into their pockets for charity year after year.

“This year has been exceptional and given the economic cloud we are all under it’s even more astonishing.

“A lot of it has to do with the fact that so many people have had some sort of brush with cancer and it becomes a very personal charity to be involved with.”

Miss Kennedy said: “Macmillan is very grateful for the generosity shown by Chart Hills Golf Club and its members, which will benefit many people living with cancer.”

The money raised could help fund 490 hours of support from a



QUIDS IN: Club captains Keith Sinclair and Angela Reece hand over the cheque to Laura Kennedy from Macmillan Cancer support

Macmillan Nurse, 35 financial grants, or pay for more than four cancer information and support officers for a month.

Cattle market Seeda sell-off fear

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such move would give Ashford’s regeneration plans a major headache.

Mr Bunnett said: “We are optimistic that the Government will recognise what has been achieved in Ashford and the potential that exists here and that this will be reflected in the decisions on the future of these

important assets.”

The chief executive was relieved to see the land is not in the first batch of sales.

Liberal Democrat group leader Cllr Rita Hawes says the whole area’s employment potential had to be looked at.

She said: “We want to generate employment and housing and it would be nice to reflect the character

of the other side of Elwick Road. The work Seeda has done has been excellent for Ashford. I wouldn’t like to see that lost for a short-term profit.”

Cllr Hawes said the approach from Ashford station up to Elwick Road should be a showpiece for the town.

A short-term sale could damage the development plan which was being carefully thought out, she added.

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Overhaul plan's light at end of the tunnel

COUNTY Hall's cabinet has given its backing to a crucial overhaul of rail services which could see every main town in Kent with regular peak period trains to West End and City stations.

The Rail Action Plan, drawn up by transport chiefs at Kent County Council, looks to make changes to the much-criticised network when the new franchise is introduced in 2014.

Key requirements in the plan were endorsed by the ruling Tory executive last week, paving the way for a long-awaited shake-up of services.

Train operator Southeastern has come in for heavy criticism for the level of service it offers commuters.

It is hoped the new strategy will influence the company awarded the next franchise deal.

As well as regular peak-period mainline trains to stations such as Charing Cross, Victoria, Blackfriars and Cannon Street, councillors backed plans to reduce waiting times on connecting trains in areas including Dover and Folkestone, as well as slashing journey times on the berated North Kent line.

Other improvements include:

- An hourly service between Maidstone East and Blackfriars to enhance connections to the City.
- Improving high-speed and mainline services through Sittingbourne on the Sheerness branch, with a focus on removing long connection periods.
- Extending the high-speed service from Dover Priory to Ramsgate via Deal and Sandwich.
- Developing a parkway station at Manston as well as enhanced routes between Ashford and Thanet.
- High-speed services from Maidstone West to run all day, including stops at Maidstone Barracks and Snodland.
- The introduction of a new smart-card ticketing service for bus and rail users.

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The report also looks to stop the replacement of Cannon Street services from Hastings via Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks with Thameslink which would limit how far trains could run into Kent.

An all-day hourly service through Gatwick, Tonbridge and Ashford was also approved, although this would not be part of the new franchise, but carried out in partnership by Gatwick Airport and the new rail contract holder.

Cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, Cllr Bryan Sweetland, said KCC needed to ensure the right conditions were in place for economic regeneration and growth in Kent.

"Only from economic growth can we provide for our children's future and create the opportunities for business, education, employment and leisure that are so crucial," he said.

"The rail service is a key driver of these objectives. A modern, efficient, safe, punctual and reliable service that takes people where they need to go at a time of day that meets their needs is central to our objectives.

"Only by ensuring the provision of good rail links to the right London termini – and between stations within Kent – can we enjoy a rail service that meets the needs of today's travellers and is able to respond to the ever-increasing pressures of tomorrow's passengers, too.

"KCC will stand up for residents and commuters to help influence the decision-making process which will result in the award of a new integrated Kent franchise in 2014.

"We must all ensure that, whoever is the provider, Kent will enjoy the very best rail service."

Contract holder Southeastern has been criticised by MPs and campaigners for poor services and ticket price hikes. But last month its fran-



MOVING ON: County Hall's Rail Action Plan has set out Kent's requirements – and hopes – for the next franchise holder

chise was extended by two years, despite calls for it to be scrapped.

North Thanet MP Roger Gale expressed his disappointment at the extension. He said: "The company has to be put on notice and to understand there will be strong opposition to the renewal of its contract."

To see the full Rail Action Plan go to www.kent.gov.uk/railactionplan.

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Foreign arrests 'not a trend'

A LARGE increase in the number of foreigners being arrested in Kent is no cause for concern, say police.

Last year 4,119 migrants were brought into custody compared with just 1,075 in 2006 – a rise of 283 per cent – but the force says this is to be expected given the county's proximity to the rest of Europe.

Former chief constable Michael Fuller had suggested in 2008 that officers were struggling to cope with an "immigrant crimewave", but Kent Police Federation chairman Ian Pointon does not believe that to be the case.

"I have no knowledge of that whatsoever," he said. "Quite often those type of statements need to be carefully put because they can be inflammatory. I don't have the figures, but how many foreign nationals are actually victims of crime in Kent?"

"There are clearly going to be more foreign people arrested in Kent because of where we are. We have people arriving all the time through Dover, the Tunnel and at Ebbsfleet



GATEWAY: Kent's location leads to more foreign national arrests

and Ashford International stations."

Numbers released under the Freedom of Information Act show that last year officers from 19 forces arrested 91,234 non-British nationals – an increase of 76 per cent from 2008. The rise coincides with a sharp increase in the number of migrants in the UK since European Union expansion in 2004.

"It's not a great surprise that the number of people arrested in Kent includes a higher proportion of non-UK nationals," said Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beautridge.

"Kent is in a unique position as a gateway, with about 30 million people visiting for leisure or business, and others claiming asylum – or in some cases arriving illegally – every year.

"The figures provide a general indication but no specific cause for concern about particular trends.

"Kent Police will continue to arrest people suspected of crime and disorder, regardless of nationality."

Home Office figures released in January showed the number of burglaries, robberies, sex and drug offences and thefts among all nationalities had increased in Kent between October, 2009, and September, 2010.

However, overall crime fell by 3.9 per cent to a total of 108,000 offences, including a reduction in knife and gun crime, criminal damage and offences against vehicles.

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TAKE OFF: Falcor takes to the skies, while Gimli, left, has a rest

Shadow minister criticises health reform plans

SHADOW health minister Derek Twigg has criticised the Government's NHS reforms, saying plans for a £2 billion re-organisation were "reckless".

In the week the Government admitted it was going to put the overhaul on pause, the MP for Halton also voiced his fears that hospital waiting times would rise under the coalition's plans, which include transferring responsibility of commissioning services from primary care trusts to GPs.

His comments came during a visit to Dover and former MP for the constituency Gwyn Prosser – who held the seat for 13 years until 2010 – to rally support for Labour in preparation for the district elections next month.

Mr Twigg said he had confidence the party would make a comeback in Kent.

"People here are concerned about changes to health services," he said. "This is one of the biggest re-organisations when the country is in a difficult financial position. The proposals are reckless."

The coalition's plans involve phasing out primary care trusts and giving GPs responsibility over the NHS budget. They have come under fire from GPs, who believe it would put strain on doctor-patient relationships and introduce unnecessary competition in healthcare.

Mr Twigg's visit coincided with the launch of a counterproposal to the reform by the Commons' health select committee which proposed that consortia of GPs should instead become NHS Commissioning Authorities involving stakeholders including nurses, social care representatives and hospital doctors.

Mr Twigg said: "What people want to see is continued improvements – we shouldn't be spending £2 billion."

Care firm crisis 'won't put elderly on street'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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ELDERLY residents of Kent's Southern Cross care homes have been assured they will not end up on the streets over the firm's financial problems.

The group announced last month that it had held talks with the Government about its money worries, leading to concerns it could be forced into administration.

Southern Cross runs 10 care homes in the county – five of which specialise in dementia care – prompting fears from those who have loved ones using their services.

But regional director Mark Cash says they have no need to panic.

"I would like to reassure people that residents in our care homes do not face the prospect of being made homeless," he said.

"As a public limited company, Southern Cross Healthcare must keep investors informed of changes to our business outlook if they differ from previous statements.

"We continue to face challenges, because fewer people are being placed in our homes by local authorities, many of whom are seeking to reduce the fee levels they pay.

"We are taking action to ensure our business remains sustainable. We are also urging the Government, landlords and commissioners to work co-operatively in supporting us."

Southern Cross provides care to more than 31,000 people throughout the UK, but says recent budget cuts mean its rent burden is

"unsustainable". It warned that it was in danger of defaulting on its debts, but that it was in discussions about a restructuring.

Kent County Council pays about £2 million a year to fund the care of 85 elderly people living in five of Southern Cross' 10 Kent care homes: Elvy Court in Sittingbourne, Highfield in Canterbury, Kingsfield in Faversham, and Fairfield Manor and Woodlands, both in Broadstairs.

Cabinet member for adult social services, Cllr Graham Gibbens, said the council would continue to monitor the situation.

Continuity

He added: "Our officers are talking to the company to make sure we can help to provide continuity in care."

News of the firm's financial troubles darkens the gloom hanging over Kent's elderly population, who are already reeling from KCC's decision to close, demolish or sell a further 11 council-run care homes.

The county's five remaining Southern Cross homes are based in Medway and on the London border.

They are Copper Beeches in Rochester, Frindsbury Hall in Strood, Adelaide in Bexleyheath, and Lauriston House and St Raphael's, both in Bromley.

Medway Council says it pays £1.6m to fund the care of 49 residents at Copper Beeches and Frindsbury Hall.

A spokesman said: "We are aware of the recent news stories surrounding the financial situation at Southern Cross, and are in discussions to ensure they are properly provided for."

TV presenter-turned-campaigner Esther Rantzen came to the county on Wednesday.

The celebrity, best known for presenting TV's That's Life and founding the successful Childline telephone helpline, was in Dover to visit volunteers who help immigrants and asylum seekers held in a detention centre.

She spoke of the importance of the work charities such as the Dover Detainee Visitor Group (DDVG) do, and the important contribution immigrants can make to the county.

Miss Rantzen, whose own family came to the UK from pre-Second World War Poland, said: "I believe it is sometimes underestimated the contribution that asylum seekers and others make."

"Sometimes they are the cleverest, the most perceptive, the ones who won't go along with a corrupt regime. Not always, but sometimes."

"I have a particular reason to think that if we treat asylum seekers well, then they will give us more than they receive, like my great-great grandfather."

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THE INTERVIEW



BY JOE BILL

Singer John's a real Diamond

AFTER 3,000 performances in the pubs, clubs and hotels of the Canary Islands, arguably the best Neil Diamond tribute act on the circuit is heading to Maidstone.

Following 10 years of hard work, John Hylton finally brings his perfected show, Real Diamond, to the Hazlitt Theatre.

He said: "As soon as you hit the theatre circuit in the UK you will establish some kind of reputation, be it good, bad or indifferent."

"I didn't want to expose what I was doing to the UK circuit until it was as good as I could make it."

The 56-year-old has the haircut and the clothes, but he does one more thing that many other tribute acts cannot do.

Hylton said: "It is a bit of smoke and mirrors. I have the haircut, the clothes, I don't have Neil Diamond's nose and frankly I don't want it, but what I bring to the stage, is that I think I am the only Neil Diamond tribute artist that can play a guitar."

"And most tribute acts are rather tacky; the whole industry has got a reputation of one step away from prostitution. There is a lot of rubbish out there."

"I spent a year and a half, studying for one

Tribute act evolved 'due to audience demand'

hour a day, watching and practising Neil Diamond's performances. That is a lot of studying."

Although he offers the next best thing to seeing the star live, Hylton never set out to become a Neil Diamond tribute singer. In fact, he wasn't even that much of a fan.

He said: "I dabbled in playing live music with my guitar in little bands all through my teenage years, and when I left school everyone said 'you have to get a proper job'."

"So I did, but I thought it was horrible. Most of my working life I was in computers, but my heart was never really in it."

Redundant

"I was made redundant in my early 30s, by which time I had taken up playing in pubs and clubs to backing tracks and singing."

"I got quite a few shows and I ended up turning pro when the computer business fell on its knees in the 80s."

From there, Hylton and his family went out to live in Tenerife and he started playing the pubs and clubs.

But it was until there was overwhelming

public demand to hear him play Neil Diamond that John thought of changing his act.

He said: "I found out it was physically difficult for me to sing high notes with the baritone voice I have."

"I started putting Diamond songs and Chris Rea songs into my spot simply to save me from tearing my throat out."

"I was interested in Neil Diamond to some extent from my late teens and it was interesting to see that ladies liked his voice and I was hoping a little bit of that would rub off on me."

"So I started putting his songs in because I felt I could actually sing them quite well."

"People began to tell me they liked the stuff I was doing, but wanted me to sing more Neil Diamond stuff."

Although hailing from The Wirral, Hylton spent a period of his childhood in Canada where he picked up a mid-Atlantic accent.

He said: "It evolved from there and I thought, why argue with what the audiences are asking me to do?"

"Part of it was that having spent time in Canada I found the accent and the way Neil pronounces things not that difficult to emu-

late, so I turned the show. I looked at the market place and tribute acts very much have got a reputation of 'God, not another tribute show, there are millions of them'."

"I wish I had a pound for every time a person has come up to me and said 'if you close your eyes, you really sound exactly like Neil Diamond live.'"

The Real Diamond tour will focus on Neil's 1980 album, *The Jazz Singer*. Many of the songs from that particular album are rarely featured in the Neil Diamond live set, so Real Diamond has something different to offer the fans.

Having previously played to 25,000 and 27,000 people at the Hull and Ipswich football grounds, John Hylton is confident he can entertain any Kentish Diamond diehards with his show.

• Real Diamond - The Jazz Singer Tour will be appearing at The Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone on Friday, May 27.

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Print business a front for huge forgery scam

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FOUR Kent men who produced fake banknotes worth millions of pounds have been jailed for a total of 24 years.

The trio concealed their counterfeiting business behind an apparently legitimate print business, but they were brought to justice after surveillance from the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA).

Phillip Brown, 44, from East Farleigh near Maidstone, and his brother Christian Brown, 33, from Locksbottom, near Farnborough ran the commercial printing firm.

Together with Mehmet Altinfinican, 27, from Bromley, the trio were part of an operation to print and distribute fake £20 notes. To date, notes with a face value of over £17.5m have been removed from circulation.

Surveillance of the Browns' business on Portland Road, South Norwood, London, established that it was a front for buying materials to produce counterfeit currency.

A computer containing images of scanned notes was seized from Altinfinican's home after the three were arrested by City of London Police officers in June 2010.

The contents of a shredder were retrieved from Phillip Brown's home, and analysis of the shredded material revealed counterfeit notes printed on the back of a poster.



CASH CON: Fake £20 notes were among those produced at the printing business

SOCA's Trevor Symes said: "These criminals were attempting to rip off the UK public and legitimate business on a massive scale."

SOCA's investigation identified that the men were part of a crime gang involved in a range of activities. Officers found a full cannabis production facility in Phillip Brown's home, including 81 plants.

Daniel Brown, a cousin of Christian and Phillip, was responsible for distributing fake 50 Euro notes. However, it is not known if the Browns were responsible for producing these notes.

A quantity of 50 Euro notes, with a face

value in the region of 350,000 Euro, was recovered from Phillip Brown's house, and more than 9.3 million Euro of the same series has been withdrawn from circulation across the EU.

Another gang member, Bekir Arif, who had been released from prison on licence following a previous conviction for supplying heroin, was involved in making and distributing counterfeit one and two pound coins.

They were sentenced at Kingston Crown Court on Wednesday.

Phillip Brown pleaded guilty to cultivation of cannabis and abstraction of electricity. He was convicted of conspiracy to make counterfeit (£20) banknotes and conspiracy to deliver counterfeit (50 Euro) notes. He was sentenced to nine and a half years.

Christian Brown pleaded guilty to conspiracy to make counterfeit (£20) notes, conspiracy to make counterfeit coins, conspiracy to deliver counterfeit coins, conspiracy to deliver counterfeit (50 Euro) notes, cultivation of cannabis and abstraction of electricity. He was also sentenced to nine and a half years.

Mehmet Altinfinican admitted conspiracy to make counterfeit (£20) notes, conspiracy to make counterfeit coins, conspiracy to deliver counterfeit coins, and supply of cannabis and received five and a half years.

Bekir Arif, 57, of Perry St Gardens, Chislehurst, was convicted of conspiracy to make counterfeit coins and to deliver counterfeit coins. He was sentenced to eight years. Arif had been released from prison on licence.

Hartsdown plans

CONCERNS have been raised after new plans were submitted for a hotel, restaurant and bar at the site of Margate Football Club's Hartsdown Park ground.

The applicant, Hartsdown Properties Ltd, has asked that the proposals be considered as a minor amendment to plans, for which permission was originally granted in 2006.

But the council says changes proposed now include losing community facilities and altering the size and shape of the hotel itself, which is not allowed under the existing planning permission.

The firm now has 28 days to provide more information and argue its case.

Vehicles seized

MORE than 750 vehicles were checked by police in a major crackdown on crime on the Isle of Sheppey.

Officers used Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras this Wednesday on Church Road in Eastchurch.

A total of 52 vehicles were stopped, with two seized for being without insurance or licence. A number of fixed penalty notices were issued and there were three cases where cannabis was discovered.

Inspector Alan said: "Anyone caught in illegal activity will be dealt with quickly and robustly, and we will look carry out similar operations in future."

A SINGER from Tonbridge has released a charity single to raise money for the Japan earthquake fund.

Singer-songwriter Kirsti Robinson has put together One in a Million, a song co-written by Adam Ferguson and featuring eight female artists from the UK and Canada recruited via online social media, such as Facebook.

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Celebrity line-up for

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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TWO of the county's top stars from the world of art and music are to open the £17 million Turner Contemporary gallery.

The Margate gallery, which at one time was to be built at sea, has been dubbed one of the largest and most important spaces for art outside London.

Tracey Emin, who was born in the town, and Jools Holland, who lives in Cooling, near Strood, will open the gallery, with children from two Margate schools, Holy Trinity and St John's.

JMW Turner went to school in Margate and was already a prolific artist, with many of his works hanging in his father William's shop.

The new gallery opens on Saturday, April 16, with the public allowed in from 10am.

Among the sights and sounds for visitors to experience is Graham Gussin's Illumination Rig 2011, which will be switched on at 10am, at the same time as the Cultural Baton caravan opens its doors to hear visitors' stories.

Willi Dorner's Bodies in Urban Spaces performance begins at 11am, followed later in the day at 8pm, by local band Cocos Lovers.

Expecting crowds of about 5,000, the gallery will stay open until midnight on the opening day and will then be open until 7pm from Saturdays to Thursdays and until 10pm on Fridays.

Gallery director Victoria Pomery said: "It will be a momentous day for Turner Contemporary and for Margate. The moment we open the doors and see visitors entering this fantastic new building will be very special."

Discovery

The opening exhibition explores the themes of imagination, discovery, wonder and the creative spirit.

A little-known work by JMW Turner, The Eruption of the Souffrier Mountains in the Island of St Vincent at Midnight, will be a centrepiece. It will be in Kent on loan from the Victoria Gallery and Museum at the University of Liverpool.

The opening will also feature the work of six international artists; Daniel Buren, Russell Crotty, Teresita Fernandez, Douglas Gordon, Ellen Harvey and Conrad Shawcross, including four new commissions.

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Turner Contemporary chairman, John Kampffner, said: "The opening of Turner Contemporary marks the start of an extraordinary opportunity for Margate and Thanet to become one of the UK's most compelling culture and tourism destinations."

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Hospital demolition starts

AS DEMOLITION works began at the old Pembury hospital, it marked the end of an era as buildings are levelled to make way for new facilities.

Over the coming months, contractor Laing O'Rourke will be transforming the old site to create a helipad for the new A&E department, car parks and a landscaped area of open heathland.

The first building flattened was Woodlands House on Monday, April 4, which until last autumn was staff accommodation and a library.

Cllr June Crowhurst, chairman of Pembury Parish Council, was invited along to mark the start of the demolition.

The first phase of the new Tunbridge Wells at Pembury Hospital opened to patients in

January and the rest is set to be completed in September when services move from the Kent and Sussex and Maidstone hospitals.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust said the old hospital's buildings are being 'soft-stripped' of recyclable materials. And care is being taken to ensure the wellbeing of the bats and birds, which nested at the site before demolition work started. A purpose-built bat house is part of the scheme to preserve their habitat.

The new hospital was built under a £235 million private finance initiative (PFI) deal.

Hospital Project Director Graham Goddard said: "This work is being carried out in a designated area of Special Scientific Interest and requires great care. We are mindful of our obligation to reduce the impact on wildlife."

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opening of gallery



ART: Centre, JMW Turner's *The Eruption of the Souffrier Mountains in the Island of St Vincent at Midnight on April 30 1812*, from a sketch taken at the time by Hugh P. Keane, Esq 1815. Right is an artist's impression of the new Turner Contemporary Gallery. Left and right are Jools Holland and Tracey Emin, who will officially open the gallery next Saturday

Museum will be open, along with the town's galleries, studios, and shops, plus there is a bazaar, Artists Alley, in Market Square and art and craft stalls.

The money to build the David Chipperfield-designed gallery came from the South East England Development Agency, Arts Council England and Kent County Council.

• See www.turnercontemporary.org for more details.

"I would like to pay tribute to Kent County Council and our other partners for delivering this outstanding building on time and on budget."

There will be other art attractions in the town to celebrate the opening. Margate

Thieves delay work on park

PLANS to open a new play park have been hit after thieves struck.

At some point between 5pm on April 3 and 7.30am the following morning, thieves took two sections of large metal tube from the middle of a partially-built slide, at the new play area on Church Marshes in Kemsley, Sittingbourne.

Damage was also caused to the top tower made of timber, as the bolts had been ripped through.

The sections would have been heavy and needed more than one person to lift them. Police believe the offenders would also have needed a vehicle to transport them.

Insp Phil Hibben said: "This is a despicable crime, which will have an impact on the community. These offenders have stolen something from innocent children, which could have been enjoyed for many years to come."

"I would urge anyone with information

about this theft to contact us so we can bring them to justice and hopefully recover these sections of slide.

"It is such a shame that a facility, which is being built for the local community, has been targeted by these callous offenders."

Swale Borough Council director of regeneration, Pete Raine, said: "We are appalled that someone has taken it upon themselves to steal a part of the slide and to damage the information board."

"It's not just the fact that it's brand new equipment and signage that has been targeted that saddens us, it's the knock-on effects for the community, who we had hoped would be able to enjoy these new facilities shortly."

"We want everyone to look forward to visiting Milton Creek and yet these actions will prevent people from getting full enjoyment from their visit. We hope that anyone with any information will call the police."

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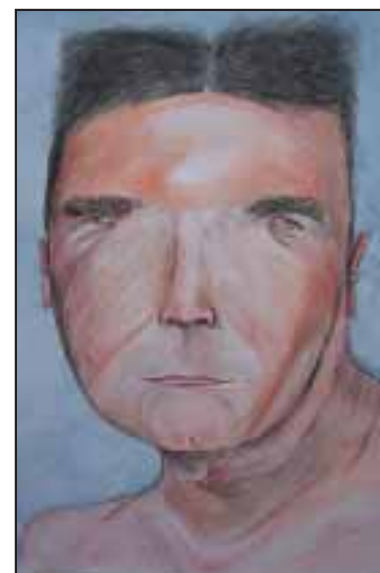
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Shooting Star of art world

By **MARIJKE COX**

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COMEDIAN Vic Reeves is to unveil a surreal art collection of his playfully deranged paintings.

A collection of more than 200 pieces of art will be revealed by the Shooting Stars comic and Michael Hogben, art agent and star of TV show *Antiques Man*, at The Grand on the Leas in Folkestone.

An auction will be held on the last day of the exhibition, from April 14-16, when the art pieces will be sold from £50 up into the thousands.

Reeves, who studied art at Sir John Cass College in Whitechapel, is better known for being half of the comedy duo Reeves and Mortimer, alongside Bob Mortimer.

The pair met while Reeves was setting up a performance art piece in a local pub.

His work includes unusual self-portraits, quirky celebrity paintings and distorted animal pictures.

The 52-year-old, who lives in Charing near Ashford with his family, admits that despite his successful comedy and TV career he has always considered himself an artist before anything else.

"I don't like to not be busy. People in TV and filming aren't really that busy. I write for maybe four hours a day and that allows me to spend plenty of time painting," he said.

"It's always terrible to let go of them, but that's the nature of it.

"I've started doing more landscapes recently.

"I'm still learning all the time, but I thought people would probably rather have landscapes on the wall than some of the huge portraits I had been doing that some people found rather sinister."

His art agent Mr Hogben, from Folkestone, said Reeves had exhibited in many world-famous galleries such as the Saatchi Gallery and Royal Academy, but this was the first Kent display and auction devoted to his work.

"What we're trying to do is establish a Kent connection – it's a nice way of putting Kent on the map," he said.

"The art lets you enter a world of wackiness. There are so many different things to see and take away from it.

"Vic is well-respected in the art world. He has always considered himself an artist.

"His work has always been well-received, from the moment he started exhibiting and selling it.

"This exhibition will be dynamic. We're expecting a big crowd and with the high speed train, we're expecting people to come from London to see it."

Open viewings of the exhibition are being



FUNNY MAN: Television star Vic Reeves is exhibiting some of his paintings in Kent

held on Thursday, April 13, from 11am-7.30pm; Friday, April 15, from 11am-9pm; and Saturday, April 16, from 10am-2pm.

The auction starts at 2pm on Saturday.

The exhibition is being held in the art deco suite at The Grand.

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University of Kent

By **MARIJKE COX**

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STUDENTS' fears over rocketing tuition fees have been realised after the University of Kent revealed it would charge the maximum £9,000 a year.

Education chiefs at the university, which has campuses in Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge, confirmed entrants in 2012 will have to pay the highest amount chargeable by universities.

Under new laws, brought in at the end of last year, institutions can charge up to £9,000 a year in fees.

A spokesman at the University of Kent said by charging the maximum fee, the institution could "honour its commitment to deliver high quality teaching into the future and to continue to provide first-rate facilities".

Students and would-be applicants had protested fiercely against the changes when thousands took to the streets of London in a march ahead of the MPS vote in December.

In Canterbury, students staged a month-long sit-in at the Senate building over the Christmas period.

But their efforts were in vain as the university revealed it would push ahead with the maximum charge, subject to the approval of the Office for Fair Access in July.

President of Kent Union, Helen Wood, said she was upset at the decision, but that campaigners still had fight in them to push for improvements for students.

"The union is against the rise in tuition fees and I'm upset the university is raising the amount to £9,000," she said.

"All of us have still got fight in us though, and we will make sure that we continue to fight for what students want."

"We've been working hard over the last 18 months to try and work for improvements for students, and we are having conversations with the university about how they should invest in students, which is positive."

"We have put forward some key points to the university including stopping hidden course costs, issues with staff and student ratio in lectures, as well as the cost of living on campus and in Canterbury."

Pair filmed degrading sex

A MAN and woman who photographed and posted online their sexual assault on another man with a can of hair mousse and toilet brush, have been jailed.

Luke Esposito, 20, of Wainscott Road, and 19-year-old Rachel Elliot of Maidstone Road, both



Rochester, pictured, were sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court.

Esposito admitted sexual assault and Elliot pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm and sexual assault.

Esposito was given five years, three months, and Elliott three years and four months.

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"I know there is pressure on the university because of Government spending cuts, but they need to invest in students."

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The 23-year-old said universities will have a lot to live up to if they charged the full amount.

"I think the university will see complaints if students don't think they are getting what they paid for."

She added: "The tuition fee rise will deter students from going to university, not just at Kent, but across the board."

"That £9,000 figure is very daunting, especially for an 18-year-old looking to go into higher education. Students could leave £40,000 in debt."

But a spokesman at the university stressed that the fee level would allow for the continuation of first-rate facilities and staff while tackling financial pressures.

Last month, the university learned that it would see a Government grant reduction of almost five per cent in 2011-2012.

The spokesman said: "The £9,000 fee will enable the university to run sustainably through the period of transition from April 2011, when the cuts in both revenue and capital budget start to take effect, until 2014, when it will see most of its undergraduates coming under the new system."

Education chiefs said the university would invest in a package of fee waivers, bursaries and scholarships to increase its support for students from a range of backgrounds.

Kent's other three universities – Canterbury Christ Church, University for the Creative Arts and the University of Greenwich at Medway – are yet to set their tuition fees.

In the tuition fee vote in December, two Kent Tory MPs rebelled against the coalition, choosing not to vote for the changes.

MP for Rochester and Strood Mark Reckless voted against and MP for Chatham and Aylesford Tracey Crouch abstained.



WORRIES: Debts will add to stresses facing students

attack and posted it online

lowing an allegation made by an 18-year-old man at an address in Rochester on February 12, 2010.

Esposito and Elliot had subjected the man to an assault using a hair mousse can and a toilet brush. The victim also had his eyebrows shaved off.

During the police investigation, officers discovered videos and photos of the assault, which had been posted on a social networking site.

Det Con Chris Watson said: "This was a degrading sexual assault."

"Esposito and Elliot took

advantage of a vulnerable young man for their own amusement. We are pleased that both have been given prison sentences."

"I would like to thank the victim and his family for supporting the police investigation as this has been a difficult time for them."



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First choice school for most

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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THE vast majority of children in the Kent County Council area got their first choice primary school this year according to new figures, despite the number of applications rising for the second year.

The figures were equally impressive in Medway, which runs its own schools independently of the county council.

KCC said by the January closing date, some 16,249 applications were received for primary school places, up 1,329 on the previous year.

In spite of this, the authority said it was delighted with the response of its schools and the council confirmed just under 85 per cent of new pupils got their first choice.

And 94 per cent got one of their choices. Those who didn't get the school they wanted may be able to take up one of the more than 1,200 vacant classroom seats.

KCC cabinet member for education, learning and skills Cllr Sarah Hohler said: "The number of primary school applications has risen for the second year.

"Although we anticipated this and have been making plans, it is not until all the applications come in that we know the full picture and where the most popular schools are.

"We have done a lot of work over the last few weeks to make sure every child was offered a place, and it is pleasing the majority were given a school that they chose. This has been achieved by working with schools across the county to increase numbers to provide 345 additional places.

Winners and losers as numbers come in

KENT County Council figures show a pleasing increase in the number of children being offered their first choice secondary school on March 1, up from 80 per cent in 2010 to 83 per cent in 2011.

Just pupils 413 got none of their choices.

With nearly 500 fewer Kent children in the system, waiting lists for popular schools are generally much lower this year.

There is a similar picture in Medway, with 87 per cent of children being allocated their first choice school, although this is helped by a fall in the age group of nearly 10 per cent.

Last year, the 18 most popular schools each turned away more than 50 children who put them in first place, but this year the same number of schools sees the bar drop to 40 places oversubscribed.

Leigh Technology Academy (Dartford) remains Kent's most popular school for the fourth year running, with 199 disappointed first choice applicants.

Second comes Tonbridge Grammar, with 104 girls who had passed the 11-plus turned away. After Westlands (Sittingbourne) on

94, comes Dartford Grammar School with 88, entering the lists for the first time as applicants from the London boroughs realised the school was accessible. A third of the places were allocated to high-scoring out-of-county applicants.

Next in line was Judd School (grammar, Tonbridge), followed by: Valley Park School (Maidstone); Fulston Manor School (Sittingbourne); Brockhill Park Performing Arts College (Hythe); Brompton Academy (Gillingham); King Ethelbert School (Margate - new entry); and The Thomas Aveling School (Rochester).

Slipping

Then follows Skinner's School (grammar, Tunbridge Wells), slipping from its position as the most popular grammar school in 2010, and: Folkestone Academy; Dartford Grammar School for Girls; Canterbury High School; Hillview School for Girls (Tonbridge); Bennett Memorial Diocesan School (Tunbridge Wells); and Simon Langton Girls Grammar School (Canterbury - new entry).

At the other end of the scale, four Kent schools were more than half empty before KCC drafted in additional children who had been offered none of their choices: Skinner's Kent Academy; Angley School (Cranbrook); Walmer Science College; and New Line Learning Academy (Maidstone).

One wonders how some of these schools can continue to function, with finances depending on pupil numbers.

The school with the greatest increase in popularity was Dartford Grammar School (up 55 disappointed first choices). The biggest loser was surprisingly Homewood School, in Tenterden, down 100, but still oversubscribed.

The pressure of out-of-county children taking up places in Kent grammar schools is once again greatest in the North West of the county, with 189 children taking up places in four Dartford Grammar Schools (52 of these coming from as far away as Lewisham and Greenwich) as opposed to just 57 in the three West Kent super selectives, both figures very similar to last year.

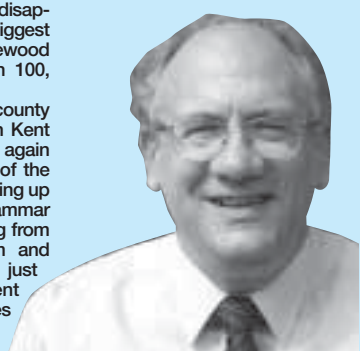
Many of these figures will

have changed this week, as parents had to decide whether to accept places offered, and there will be happiness for some, offered places off the waiting lists.

As many as 700 further children may gain places through the appeal procedure, although this stressful process goes on until July for some.

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Peter Read, independent education advisor



"For parents who have not been offered a school they had hoped for, we have included additional information on what to do next.

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A spokesman said: "We are urging people to be wary of disclosing any personal information. Return your census as directed on the paperwork and do not hand it over at the doorstep. If you are in any doubt contact the census helpline free on 0300 0201 101.

"Please also keep in mind that bogus callers will often use doorstep tactics to distract the homeowner while an accomplice gains access to the property via another route, this is known as distraction burglary."

Labour red-faced after forgetting to enter candidate

A LABOUR Party plan to see Canterbury council Tory leader John Gilbey booted out of his ward at the upcoming local elections has collapsed, after blundering officials

By IAN READ

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forgot to nominate their hotly-tipped candidate.

Now red-faced Labour chiefs have been left with the humiliation of not contesting the ward at all on May 5.

The leader of the local Liberal Democrats described the farce as "an enormous cock-up".

Labour had made the battle for the Blean Forest ward its number one priority in the upcoming elections.

The plan was simple – field Liam Preston, a member of the National Union of Students' executive committee and chairman of the British Youth Council – and harness the student vote to sweep to a famous victory against the incumbent Tory leader.

But an administrative blunder meant Labour failed to register any candidates for the two-seat ward.

And it meant heartache for Mr Preston who admitted he was "absolutely devastated", having spent the week canvassing ahead of polling day.

Labour had even got the local Lib Dems to consider running a low-key campaign, to



MAJORITY: Tory candidate John Gilbey

allow the Labour man a clear run.

Lib Dem leader Alex Perkins said: "Using a football term, Labour had an open goal in front of them. John Gilbey has got a majority of 299 and Liam could have won the seat harnessing the student vote.

"I'm 47 now and been involved in local politics since I was 23. But I have never known such an enormous cock-up."

Cllr Gilbey said: "I've always said, I don't mind a challenge. And it's a pity I will be unable to do it."

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Star Grant pops in for a pint, but forgets the bill

By **MARIJKE COX**

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HE MAY be one of England's quintessential gentlemen, famed for his charm and wit, but that didn't stop Hugh Grant walking out of a pub without paying.

The Bridget Jones star popped in for a pint at The Castle Inn in Dover with a golfing friend, while en route to Royal St George's golf club in Sandwich.

But after being distracted by locals asking for his autograph, the 50-year-old heartthrob forgot to pick up his £5.40 bar tab.

Landlord Paul McMullan, however, called it an "honest mistake".

"People normally hand over the money when they get the beer, but a couple of guys at the bar asked for his autograph and I assume he

got distracted," he said. "We only charge £2.80 a pint and you'd have thought he could afford it, but he started talking about how he'd been unwell and I didn't like to ask. Then he shook my hand and posed for a photo."

"I will put it down to an honest mistake."

The Four Weddings and a Funeral actor first met Mr McMullan when the star's Ferrari broke down on the A256 near Sandwich, while on his way to Royal St George's.

Mr McMullan was passing by in his old Volkswagen Kombi van and gave Grant a lift to the exclusive golf club.

Grant, who starred in the hit film Notting Hill, said he would pop in for a pint at The Castle Inn next time he was in the area.

And on a return visit to the county, the star kept his word.

During his visit, Grant recounted a recent health scare, where he had checked himself into hospital after waking up unable to breathe and suffering chest pains.

He said he was "hugely relieved" to get the all-clear, and decided to test his fitness with a round of golf and a trip to the pub.

Landlady Georgia MacKenzie, 24, said she was "shell-shocked" when she walked downstairs and came face to face with Grant.

"I came down in a big jumper and with odd socks on - I couldn't believe it," she said.

"He is much better looking in real life than on screen and looked perfectly fit and healthy."

"He was very friendly and probably forgot to pay because he was chatting."

Barman Matt Sheppard, 23, added: "I asked him to sign an autograph for my niece and he wrote her a lovely little message."

"He is a really nice guy."



HONEST MISTAKE: Hugh Grant enjoyed a free pint at the Castle Inn in Dover

MEDWAY Council has received backing in the Commons for its decision to cut funding to trade unions.

Replying to a question from Chatham and Aylesford Tory MP Tracey Crouch, the Secretary of State for Communities, Eric Pickles, said other local authorities should follow Medway's lead after it reduced the trade unions' facilities grant by £46,000 and invested the cash in library books.

Mr Pickles asked Labour's Shadow Secretary of State Caroline Flint to "send out requests that Labour councils similarly look towards trade unions and reducing their costs".

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TV boss 'must quit over jibes'

A LEADING charity has called for a Channel 4 boss to resign after the media regulator upheld 500 complaints over "sick" jokes about Katie Price and her son Harvey.

The Royal London Society for Blind People (RLSB), which runs Dorton House School in Seal, near Sevenoaks, said the position of the channel's chief executive David Abraham was untenable following Ofcom's ruling.

The regulator found Channel 4 had breached broadcasting guidelines with the jokes made by comedian Frankie Boyle in the Tramadol Nights series.

Ofcom said the routine appeared to "target and mock the mental and physical disabilities" of the nine-year-old, who is blind and autistic.

The RLSB said the situation was made worse because Mr Abraham personally sanctioned the jokes before they were broadcast.

"We welcome this ruling from Ofcom," Tom

Pey, the charity's chief executive said. "It is unprecedented for 500 people to separately complain. What angers us is that David Abraham personally sanctioned the jokes. It is clear that his position is untenable, he should resign or the Channel 4 board should fire him."

Boyle said former glamour model Price, pictured, had married cage fighter Alex Reid because she needed someone strong enough to protect her from her son's sexual advances.

In response to the charity, a Channel 4 spokesman said: "Ofcom, our independent regulators, have investigated C4 in regards to our broadcast and although they did find us in breach of the code, they have not sanctioned us on this matter."



Seeking a home

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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WANTED – a new home for a Cold War-era Soviet nuclear submarine. Must be safe from spies and vandals, or a long restoration project could go down the tubes.

John Sutton, from Sidcup, has one of the most bizarre big boys' toys ever. He snapped up the decommissioned sub from the Russians, with the intention of carrying out a major refurbishment, and launching it once more as a museum.

The 46-year-old maritime expert said he would encourage investors to step forward to help with the cash flow, but his most pressing concern is finding it a new home.

The menacing 92m beast from the Soviet war machine is currently in Strood – hardly a James Bond location, but it's safe for the time being, Mr Sutton told KoS.

In decades gone by, the vessel was capable of launching nuclear strikes against prime sea targets.

Had World War Three broken out, this hunter-killer Black Widow sub could have used its 22 torpedoes, including two with low yield nuclear warheads, against Allied vessels.

As a private investor, Mr Sutton snapped it up in 1994 and the battle to bring it back to life has raged ever since.

The Foxtrot B-39, tagged U-475, is now celebrating its 44th birthday, having been put to sea by the Soviets in April, 1967.

Mr Sutton said: "It would be nice if someone came along with a sponsorship offer,

DREAM: This Foxtrot B-39 desperately needs to find a safe haven for restoration work



but we are not looking to sell it or go in to a partnership.

"We were approached a little while ago by Kalashnikov Vodka, which wanted to put its name on the side and aim the sub at London. There have been a few offers, and I am always willing to listen to would-be sponsors.

"But my main worry at the moment is finding a permanent home for her. In the past, this vessel was patrolling the Baltic, searching for enemies at sea and training seamen from Libya, Cuba and India."

Mr Sutton said the sub arrived in London from the naval base in Riga, Latvia, in July,

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The sub had been home to 77 crew members, despite being just 7.5 metres wide. It could be at sea for 90 days at a time, reaching depths of 250 metres, and had a submerged cruising range of 400 miles.

Mr Sutton said: "Getting her under water again would be a dream, and something we are aiming for."

The readiness of this sub to kill is evident

from the sailors' bunks next to the nuclear missile bays.

Red Star symbols from the Communist party are still scattered throughout the vessel, a bleak reminder of the Cold War.

"We have some hull work to do on her, but other than that, and some painting, the big work needed is to get her back under her own power," said Mr Sutton.

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Trust triumphs in bid to save historic homes

THE “greatest heritage save” in recent years has been pulled off at the 19th century Isle of Sheppey dockyard by a conservation trust, *writes Chris Murphy*.

Once heralded as the most advanced naval installation in the world, builders had wanted to raze the historically important buildings to the ground to build flats, but Swale Council members threw out the plans last year, saying they were not in keeping with the area.

They said the development would detract from the character and setting of the listed buildings and conservation area.

That left the door open for the City-based Spitalfields Historic Buildings Trust, which proceeded to raise £1.85 million with help from the Architectural Heritage Fund, to snap up the four-acre site in Sheerness.

On the land are 10 important listed buildings dating from the 1820s. The trust said it now intends to restore them as single homes.

These include Regency Terrace, a row of five elegant houses, and the magnificent Dockyard House, originally built for the chief superintendent of the yard. It was later converted to offices.

The three remaining properties



RESCUED: These elegant buildings will be restored to their former glory

will be held by the Trust, to be passed on to suitable purchasers.

The Trust said it is to submit the necessary planning applications, and oversee the rehabilitation of the site, and carry out repair work around Regency Terrace.

The trust says this will protect one of the most important and endangered historic sites in the South East.

Spitalfields trustee William Palin lives in nearby Naval Terrace, and is also secretary of Save Britain's Heritage. He said: “This is one of the greatest heritage rescues of recent years, and proof that viable conservation solutions can be found for even the most difficult historic sites.

“Spitalfields Trust has managed to assemble a group of sympathetic and passionate investors who will return this magnificent site to its former glory.”

Negotiations are continuing over the future of the church on the site, which could be turned in to 22 flats and five terraced houses. The Trust would rather this became a community building.

The dockyard has been on English Heritage's national ‘at risk’ register for almost 10 years, and two years ago made it on to the World Monuments Fund's international Watch List of endangered historic sites.

The dockyard was planned and engineered by John Rennie and constructed by surveyors Edward Holl and George Ledwell-Taylor.

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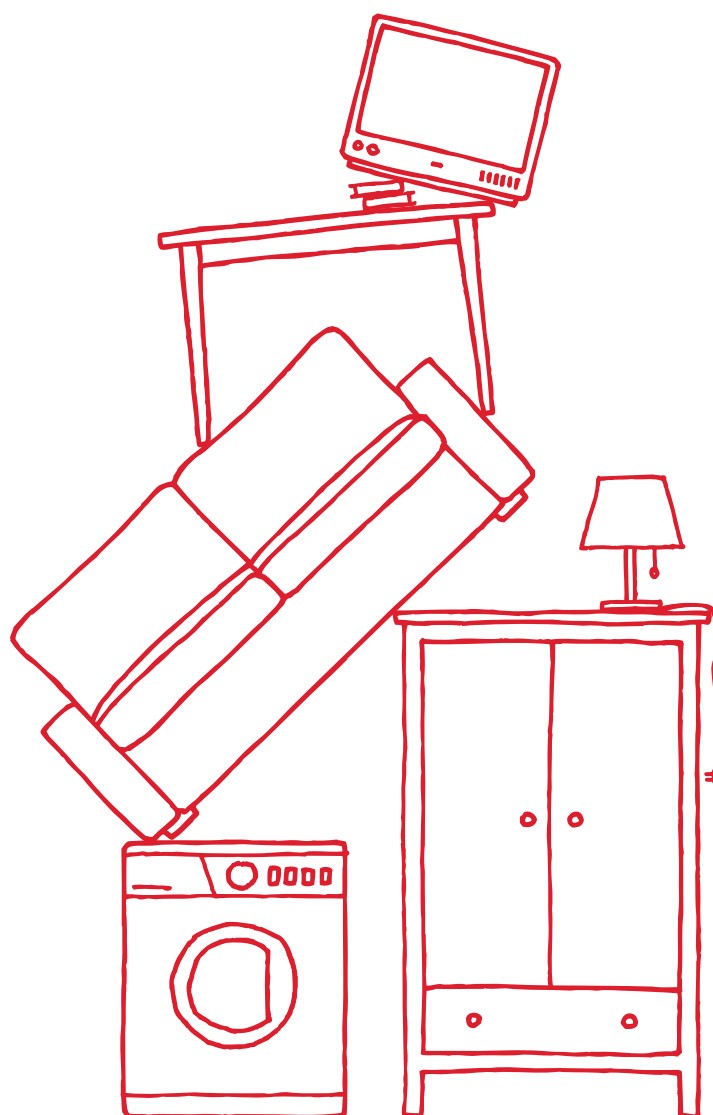
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Smuggled tobacco lands haulier in jail



A HAULAGE company owner has been jailed for attempting to smuggle more than three million cigarettes into the UK.

Mamode Rafiq Allyman, 56, from Gillingham, was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court to three-and-a-half years in prison after an investigation by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

He was jailed for trying to smuggle almost 3.2 million cigarettes into the country through Dover, evading more than £500,000 in duty.

He was stopped by UK Border Agency (UKBA) officers at Dover on July 16, 2009. The 1,888,800 Raquel and 1,307,600 Gold Classic cigarettes were found in boxes



EVADING DUTY: Allyman, left, and ABOVE, the stash of cigarettes

during a search of the vehicle.

When questioned, Allyman told officers he had loaded the trailer in Holland, but once the cigarettes were discovered, he told officers he had driven to Calais and swapped trailers with one of his drivers, who

had collected a load from Holland.

Bob Gaiger, regional spokesman for HMRC, said: "HMRC works with UKBA to identify and prosecute those who attempt to smuggle cigarettes into the UK."

"Cigarette smuggling is not a victimless crime and we will not hesitate to pursue those responsible."

"It costs the UK millions of pounds in lost revenue each year, money that could be used for public services."

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Birth blunders led to my son's death, says grieving mum

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A GRIEVING mother, whose newborn baby died following a string of hospital blunders, is calling on the NHS to learn from past mistakes.

Marisa Sanders, 34, from Bromley, is suing the Princess Royal University Hospital in Farnborough Common, Orpington, after she was left in a triage room for more than three hours, despite obvious signs she was in labour.

The shocking state of affairs resulted in the death of tiny Thomas Arben Deliu, who was born without a heartbeat on August 17, 2007.

Ms Sanders shared her tragic story to help promote National Birth Trauma Awareness Week, which ends on Sunday, April 10.

She said: "To this day, the overwhelming feeling of loss and grief at losing Thomas is indescribable."

"Being left isolated from medical staff and ignored during labour should never happen to a woman."

Ms Sanders had been booked in for a Caesarean section, but her waters had broken on arrival at the hospital and there were other distinct signs she was going into labour.

Despite all the evidence, she was



DISTRAUGHT: Marisa Sanders and her family have warned other mums

dumped in a triage room for more than three hours and even refused pain relief by a midwife.

Ms Sanders said: "Only parents and their family members who have been through the utter devastation of losing a child can begin to understand the grief process."

"That's why spreading the word about the Birth Trauma Association and the contact it can offer with other families who've been through the same heartbreak is so important."

At the time of the tragedy, the Princess Royal hospital was managed by Bromley Hospitals NHS Trust, which has since merged with two others to form South London Healthcare NHS Trust.

The authority has admitted liability after a full investigation pointed to negligence on the part of the original trust.

Medical expert Auriana Griffiths, of Irwin Mitchell solicitors, said: "Traumatic births are sadly far more common than people think, and both our own medical law teams and the Birth Trauma Association deal with many cases."

"We are calling on the NHS and medical professionals to work together to learn lessons and share best practice so the number of birth traumas can be reduced."

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Beauty found amid decay as exhibition casts light on forgotten corners of port

Abandoned to the ravages of time

WITH Dover continuing its economic fightback, a new exhibition will highlight parts of the town that are still in decay, *writes Chris Murphy.*

The photographic evidence is a sight for eyesores rather than sore eyes, but many will still want to see Abandoned Dover.

The exhibition will run until the end of the Easter school holidays after an official opening by the Mayor of Dover, Cllr Sue Jones, on Monday.

Photographer and media consultant Greg McKenzie, 45, says he has always been fascinated by the dilapidation of modern towns.

"In almost every town there is decay. I just wanted to highlight what has gone wrong in Dover," he said.

"I suppose it will be quite embarrassing for the people who have responsibility for some of these magnificent buildings.

"The exhibition will hopefully open eyes to what we are leaving to rot. Most of them deserve to be restored and preserved.

"I'm interested in the way some areas are allowed to fall into disrepair. I know a lot of it is down to money, but more needs to be done to ensure historic buildings are not lost for ever."

The exhibition is being held in one of Dover's oldest pubs, the Prince Albert in Biggin Street. Mr McKenzie said his photographs depict parts of Dover and district that lie hidden or forgotten.

He said: "Many played a crucial role in the protection of the town during wartime and



DECAY: Westmount College, off Folkestone Road, a moat bulwark and church window form part of the Abandoned Dover exhibition



now lie in silent memory to those who fought. Recently we discovered hidden vaults within the town centre and hope to be able to show the pictures.

"Research into what they were for has so far provided very little information."

And in keeping with the theme of decay,

his pictures have been framed in items people have abandoned.

"We sourced frames from charity shops, skips and some have been made from driftwood washed up on the beaches near Dover," Mr McKenzie said.

"There will also be a number of Dover

items on show that have been dug up from Victorian rubbish tips."

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THE county council, police force and fire brigade say it is now vital to share resources in the public sector to ensure the safety of people living in Kent.

Speakers at a conference included Malcolm Dodds from the Court Service, Ann Barnes from Kent Police Authority, Ann Millington from Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Brian Pollett from Kent Prisons, and Sarah Billiald from Kent Probation.

Representatives from these organisations, health and from within the criminal justice system came together to discuss how they will protect residents and keep cutting crime in the future.

They all agreed that building on the existing partnerships between them must be the way forward.

Disadvantage

After the event a KCC spokesman said: "There is now even greater emphasis on sharing public sector resources in order to keep communities safe. This was the key message from the Kent Community Safety Conference in the face of reductions in funding to public sector organisations."

Katherine Kerswell, group managing director for KCC, said that with major reforms taking place in all the public sector agencies, the council's priorities on tackling disadvantage, putting people in control and growing the economy, would rely on building partnerships between those organisations who can help make them happen.

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth talked about the role of neighbourhood policing.

Partnerships are key to public safety

He said: "The new Kent Policing Model has been built with neighbourhood policing at its heart. This means members of the public will continue to receive the high quality service they deserve and that our commitment to

working with partners is strengthened."

KCC cabinet member for customer and communities Cllr Mike Hill, who gave the welcome address, said: "We know we are facing tough times economically but despite changes

in funding, we are still determined to strengthen services which keep people safe.

"Our partnerships are strong and these will play an even greater role in how we tackle anti-social behaviour and threats to communities."

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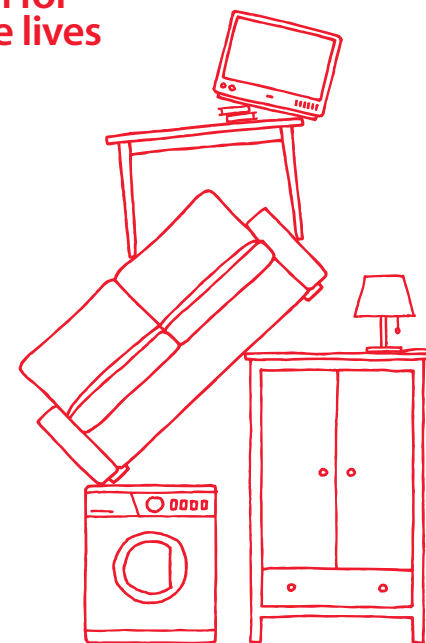
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By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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THE man who taught the Prince of Wales how to paint will be honoured at an exhibition in Canterbury Cathedral.

It will cover the life and times of Kent artist John Ward, who died in 2007, aged 89.

He is famed for joining the Prince during a break in Italy in 1985 and helping the heir to the throne understand methods that can be used in art. Together, they sketched the sights in Venice.

Now Ward's life will be celebrated at the Cathedral on May 6.

He was a prolific painter, draughtsman, illustrator and teacher. He was elected to the Royal Academy in 1956 and became a CBE in 1985.

In 1962, the Queen invited him to Balmoral to sketch family scenes, shooting parties, and her favourite parts of the castle.

The royal connection continued when he joined the choir at the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer to cap-

Artist's life and work are celebrated at cathedral

ture the moment for a later painting.

The youngest of seven children, he was born in Hereford, and cultivated his love of art from a young age, having been brought up by his older sisters when their father died young.

Ward entered the Royal College of Art in 1936.

At the exhibition, friend and neighbour TV journalist Mike Field will chair a question and answer session with the audience and Ward's sons, William, George and Toby.

His eldest son William has already curated a special exhibition that will be on display, including unseen drawings, sketches and letters illustrating his rich and varied life.

Friendship

Ward had extensive Kent connections. He left the RCA in 1939 and was hard at work helping to design and build pillboxes between Whitstable and Herne Bay to defend the county against invasion. He was amused when some of them later became listed buildings.

A sister, Sybil, was a nurse at Canterbury Hospital and after World War Two, he came to live in Folkestone.

From there he moved to an Elizabethan farmhouse near Ashford, close to a mushroom farm. It was here that he set up a permanent studio.

He really caught the public eye when he designed the sleeves for the books Cider with Rosie and Darling Buds of May. He married his wartime sweetheart Alison Williams in 1950, and the couple

had four boys and twin daughters.

During the evening detailing his life, its promised the veil will be lifted on some of the lesser-known aspects of the artist's life.

This includes his friendship with members of the Royal Family, his experiences at the D-Day landings and his controversial 1997 resignation from the Royal Academy.

The evening includes the raffle of a limited edition print of Canterbury Cathedral, with proceeds going to Canterbury Gift, which that supports conservation, education, music

and craftsmanship at the Cathedral.

The event starts at 6.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge on Friday, May 6. Tickets cost £15 or £10 from The Canterbury Gift Office, at 27-28 Burgate, Canterbury, call 01227 865346 or email info@thecanterburygift.com.

The event will be preceded by a Champagne reception and private view of the exhibition. Tickets are £25.

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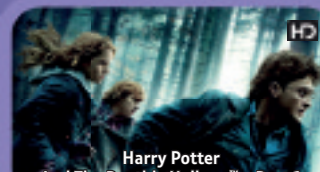
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EASY PICKINGS: Make it harder for the crooks

Police spring surprise as car crime blitz extended

KENT Police say they are determined to crack down on vehicle crime as part of a spring blitz on crooks, **writes Chris Murphy.**

Senior officers have instructed patrols to take extra steps over the next few weeks to tackle the scourge of thefts from and of vehicles.

The issue has been identified as a priority for the county's officers and was included in the force's Stay Safe This Spring campaign, which ended this week. But the force has confirmed that the vehicle crime element of the campaign will be extended until late May.

Teams will continue to operate across the county to target known crooks as well as offer advice to drivers on how to prevent car crime happening in the first place.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beautridge said: "As I speak, vehicle crime teams in your community are acting on intelligence, executing search warrants and dealing with offenders."

"Their aim is to recover as much stolen

property as possible, and apprehend offenders so they can be dealt with through the courts."

"Our vehicle crime teams are employing a range of tactics to provide maximum opportunity to arrest those responsible for stealing vehicles and stealing your valuables."

The top 10 items stolen from vehicles include satellite navigation systems, vehicle parts, and exterior fittings including number plates and door mirrors.

Detection

With cars using increasingly sophisticated security systems, thieves are finding their job is so much easier if they have the keys – and that means targeting homes just to get them.

The police said offenders are known to break into homes in order to steal car keys, before taking the vehicle to sell on or use to commit other crimes.

Mr Beautridge added: "We are also asking for your help in reducing and detecting vehicle crime. When you leave your car, make sure it is locked and there are no items left on display, particularly valuables."

"Take a look at your car as you leave it and

ask yourself: is there anything I can see which would make someone break into my car? We would also ask that if you know of any crime being committed, or you are approached with an offer for cheap goods including vehicle parts, that you contact us."

"That cheap sat nav system could have come from your car, or that of someone you know. Be vigilant and help us reduce crime."

Police say people must take more measures to prevent theft in the first place.

These include using tamper-proof screws for number plates; don't leave keys, handbags or valuables visible through a window; lock all doors and close windows when you are away from your home; close and lock front doors and windows if you are in the back garden; consider fitting security measures such as spy holes, door chains, door locks and intruder alarms; plus keep garages locked and alarmed, and never hide spare house keys outside.

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Chalet good show

THINGS will get curiousest and curiousest when Eastgate House Gardens in Rochester is transformed for an Alice in Wonderland-themed tea party.

The event has been organised by Rochester and Chatham Dickens Fellowship, with proceeds going to the Dickens Chalet Restoration Fund.

The Swiss-style chalet in the gardens was owned by the Victorian literary giant but is in need of repair.

Visitors on Saturday, April 23, can meet characters from Lewis Carroll's fantasy, play croquet with the Queen of Hearts, enjoy readings, organ music, tombola, Easter bonnet contest and paper plane race. There will also be a craft fair.

The event is from 11am-5pm. Admission is £2 and tickets are available from the visitor centre in Rochester High Street.

Keep out the rats

WITH warmer temperatures on the way, an expert has issued advice on how to keep unwanted visitors – rats – at bay.

Swale pest control officer Robert Viner said: "Rats are adaptable, mobile and breed rapidly. This makes rat control difficult for the untrained."

But he said a few simple measures can help keep the vermin at bay. These include: remove potential nesting sites by keeping courtyards and gardens clean and tidy; do not excessively feed wild birds – you may be feeding rats as well; do not leave household waste where pests can get at it. Food and food waste should be in sealed containers, including compost bins.

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CONCERN: The Right Rev James Langstaff

We need to build bridges says new church leader

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE new Bishop of Rochester has defended controversial comments made by his predecessor that some communities have become "no-go areas" for non-Muslims.

According to the Right Reverend James Langstaff, the previous head of the diocese, Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, was justified in voicing his concerns about the impact of cultural segregation in the UK.

However, he stopped short of recycling the term 'no-go areas', and pointed out that ethnic minority groups may also feel

excluded from towns and villages that are predominantly white.

The Rt Rev Langstaff said: "Dr Nazir-Ali has his own views and I'm sure he chose his words carefully, as clearly there are issues about the building of cohesive communities when areas become dominated by ethnic grouping."

"I wouldn't want to talk about no-go areas, but I do think we need to build neighbourliness and understanding between different sets of people."

"The same applies for areas dominated by white people, where others might find it difficult to live or work."

"But although I've yet to fully get to know this part of the world, my encounters with the Sikh community in Gravesend have been very warm and friendly, and there is a good level of



ETHNIC GROUPS: We need to build understanding, says the bishop

integration in that town."

The Rt Rev Langstaff was unveiled as the 107th Bishop of Rochester last June, but has only officially been in the post for about three months, representing about 1.2 million people in Bexley, Bromley, Medway, Gravesham, Dartford and most of west Kent.

Energy

He spent the previous six years as Suffragan Bishop of Lynn, in Norwich, having already spent 18 years in the diocese of Birmingham.

The married father-of-two told KoS he had so far spent time with eight of the 17 deaneries in the Rochester diocese, and hoped to have visited them all by June.

He said: "Everyone has been

very friendly and welcoming, and once I've met everyone face-to-face I aim to take a breath and reflect on what I've seen and heard."

"I'm fairly accessible and like to engage with people, and I've so far picked up a real desire and energy for the Church to be more heavily involved in the life of local communities."

"I think we can always do more, but what I've seen so far – such as providing mentors in schools, street pastors, and parent and toddler groups – has been pretty encouraging."

"A lot of churches are quite central to their areas, and that's something I'm keen to support."

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Women 'have right to become bishops'

THE Bishop of Rochester says the General Synod was right to allow the ordination of female bishops.

While understanding the concerns raised by many traditional churchgoers, the Right Reverend James Langstaff says he believes the time has come to allow women to take control of certain dioceses.

The Synod is expected to debate the final approval stage in July, 2012, but last month a first wave of about 600 Anglicans – including more than 100 in Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks – officially left the Church of England and joined Roman Catholic churches in protest.

"I've always been in favour of ordination," said the Rt Rev Langstaff. "The question for me is what provisions we make for those people who are opposed to it."

Homosexuals

"I'm part of a generation who trained among women all the way through. I can think of one or two who I've known since I was 18, who have gone all the way through the same process and reached senior posts, but who can't become bishops like I have."

"Although I understand the arguments about why women shouldn't be able to take that step, I believe God equipped them in the same way as men. If he can call me to service then I don't see why he can't call them too."

Despite his support for the ordination of women, the Rt Rev Langstaff was less sure about the prospect of allowing homosexuals to become bishops.

While supporting the Archbishop of



SUPPORT: Women can be called to service like men, says the Rt Rev James Langstaff

Canterbury's view that gay men should be allowed to become bishops as long as they remain celibate, he stopped short of endorsing such a motion for Anglican churches worldwide.

It was probably best, he added, to let individual provinces decide what is best for them.

The Rt Rev Langstaff said: "While some churches in Europe and America will welcome gay bishops, there are others in parts of Africa and Asia where homosexuality is illegal."

"It's not an easy question to answer."



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LETTERS

Choose wisely at the polls

Your exposure of the exorbitant fees being paid to temporary staff at KCC highlights the farcical state of democracy in this country.

KCC officers run the county and only pay lip service to the Tory-run council chamber who are supposed to have our interests at heart.

Time and time again, poor decisions are made by county officers and it is accepted that residents will pick up the tab.

The only way this situation can be improved is if more independently-minded local people stand for election in May, not just people the main parties choose.

The sad situation is accepted by many that even if a monkey stood as a Tory candidate in the county elections, it would win.

Even at a borough level, a candidate would have to be exceptionally well-known before he/she would have a chance of winning as an independent candidate in an election against the big three.

I would urge people to vote in May for a candidate who is willing to stand up for the people he/she wishes to represent, and, if necessary, will be willing to challenge county officers' recommendations.

Malcolm Luxton, address supplied

No confidence in turn-around

Those of us who know something of the inside story of KCC's Children's Services are appalled that the Conservative administration maintains that safeguarding children and turning around the service are the council's top priorities.

When Labour county councillors asked for an urgent review of Children's Services back in 2008, the Conservatives agreed, but only if the former chief executive, and ultimately the head of the service, was allowed to chair the review.

The review was eventually completed and found that the main problem was the amount of paperwork that was required under the legislation.

An interesting conclusion, given that every serious case review from Victoria Climbie to Baby P had highlighted the lack of recorded information available to professionals as the key reason for failings.

It comes as no consolation to know that I and my colleagues were right in our view that there was something seriously amiss with Children's Services in Kent, but I am pleased that our intervention demonstrated that there was something wrong. And I am pleased that Ofsted carried out its duty.

What none of us anticipated was how serious the situation was, and that Kent was, and is, among the worst services in the country.

Meanwhile, many of the same Conservative councillors who denied there was a problem in the first place are the ones who are now so determined to turn

OPINION: WORKING BACK TO REALITY

Tory employment minister **CHRIS GRAYLING** says people unable to work have nothing to fear and much to gain from Coalition changes to Incapacity Benefit

‘WISH I'd done this years ago,’ he said to me, “but I never believed I could do it.” A man in his 50s on a back-to-work programme, after years on Incapacity Benefit suffering from depression. A man taking steps back to self-belief and the workplace.

The thing that strikes you when you meet people who have spent long periods on benefits is they have so much to offer, but all too often no longer know how to make use of those skills.

They convince themselves they have little to contribute and that there is no option but to be on benefits. For 13 years, as the economy grew and jobs were created around the country, most were filled by migrant workers, while at the highest point 2.6 million people sat at home on incapacity benefits.

Not all could have worked. Some were full-time carers. Others were bringing up very young children on their own. Still more suffered from long-term health problems that meant they could not work. But a substantial proportion of that huge total could and should have been helped back into work. It didn't happen.

We cannot afford to make the same mistake again. Of course many of those claimants are too sick or disabled to have any realistic chance of making a return to work. They will continue, through new support arrangements, to receive our unconditional support – and rightly so.

But every group I have ever met that works with disabled people tells us that far more of them want to be in mainstream employment. We share that goal and want to make that a reality.

Now we begin the process of trying to help those who can work to find the right opportunity for them. We will be re-examining the cases of about 1.6 million people across the country, including 37,740 on Incapacity Benefit in Kent.

Over the next three years we will ask each of those claimants to provide us with written information about their case, with any supporting material they want to provide from their own doc-

tors, and we will also ask them to go through a reassessment exercise.

The Work Capability Assessment, as that exercise is known, has become controversial. It was set up by the last government for new claimants and was part of a process that had become too inhuman.

We have taken independent advice from Professor Malcolm Harrington on how to improve things. As a result, the assessment is no longer the only part of the decision-making process. We will now place much greater emphasis on other evidence that will shed a light on someone's condition. And the process will be more human.

Previously the only contact a claimant had was through letters full of official jargon.

Now they will get a sympathetic phone call explaining what is happening.

We won't ask those who will qualify for state retirement pension in the next three years to go through the process. Nor will we expect anyone who is too ill to attend a Work Capability Assessment to do so.

I cannot stress strongly enough that this is not about forcing people back to work if they are genuinely unable to do so. Nor are we tied into specific financial targets about the number of people we need to get back to work.

This is about finding out who we can help. Perhaps to do something different to what they did previously, but still to do something more with their lives.

The Work Programme, which was launched last Friday and begins in June, will give current Incapacity Benefit claimants access to specialist back-to-work support if they have the potential to return to work. That's vital. This cannot be simply about abandoning people to their own fate.

We are at the start of a revolution. Many claimants will be worried about what lies ahead. My message to them is simple.

We will provide unconditional support to those whose health means they cannot possibly work.

But we will put real effort into trying to help the others find a better role in life.

And we will continue to make determined efforts to ensure that we, and the system we have put in place, treats people fairly, properly and appropriately.



the service around. They inspire no confidence.

Cllr Mike Eddy, Deal

Dates need clarification

I was interested to read the correspondence from Frederic Stansfield, concerning the siege of Canterbury and claiming to know the exact dates in the year 1011.

It would be interesting to know if the dates quoted were adjusted for the change from the Julian calendar, in use in 1011, to the Gregorian calendar which came into effect in September, 1752, under the British Calendar Act of 1751, which declared the day after Wednesday the 2nd to be Thursday the 14th. Just how exact is exact?

Peter Baker, Maidstone

Protest violence exaggerated

I was pleased to see that you covered the story about Kent

people joining with the other 250,000 people in London on Saturday, March 26, protesting Government cuts.

The story seemed to go astray, however, in the fact that about half of it was given to concern for the violence in the West End. Kent MP Julian Brazier was reported as saying that he “rightly condemned the extreme behaviour of a few hundred people”.

Many of the stories on the BBC and other media seemed to take just this view of the day, which I expect is where Mr Brazier got his information.

When you look at what actually occurred, this violence has clearly been exaggerated.

The police arrested 200 people and went on to charge 180 of them, but of these, 140 were charged with offences inside Fortnum and Mason.

Just 40 or so, then, were charged with offences that may include violence on the streets.

Stories like this inevitably get exaggerated, but this has been a remarkable exaggeration and needs to be put right. I join MPs

who condemn violence on the streets of London, but to base future policies on such a false account puts our freedoms more at risk from legislators than protestors.

Derek Munton, Labour candidate, Rochester West

Nuclear power not essential

Damian Collins MP is wrong about nuclear power (KoS, March 30).

First, there is no reason to build any more nuclear power stations. As the two Zero Carbon Britain reports have demonstrated, a combination of improving energy efficiency and deploying renewable energy technologies can meet our energy demands and create an energy surplus.

Renewables can also meet the fluctuating energy demands that we have throughout the year in Kent and Medway.

Specifically, renewables can meet both baseload and peak demand. Late in 2007, a German economics ministry experiment showed that



Development? Yes. Asset stripping? No

THE Government's decision that the South East England Development Agency's assets should not be passed into local authority ownership could strike a damaging blow to the Kent economy.

We all know the Treasury wants to raise as much as it can as quickly as possible, but ministers need to wake up to the reality of how important these sites are to our county.

The economy isn't recovering as quickly as expected, so it's a risky business indeed to start meddling with development projects that could create hundreds – if not thousands – of jobs.

With Seeda due to be disbanded in less than 12 months, it is crucial to ensure the money already spent across the whole of the South East does not go to waste.

Many projects are already at an advanced stage and cannot afford to be delayed while the Government decides who to sell the assets to.

County council leader Paul Carter has voiced concerns that some new owners may choose to break sites up, or treat them as 'land banks'. That would be totally unacceptable.

The 'd' in Seeda stands for development, so any assets the quango owns should be used for that purpose – and that purpose alone.

The value of the land itself should not even be an issue at this early stage.

Comic Vic swaps his pan for paints

WHEN he's on the set of Shooting Stars, Vic Reeves likes nothing more than hitting comedy partner Bob Mortimer over the head with a frying pan.

It may therefore come as a surprise to some that the Charing resident has a more delicate side, with a passion for painting.

Then again, when the paintings are often of evil-looking celebrities or distorted animals, it's possibly not that hard to believe after all.

distributed power can indeed produce a reliable baseload energy supply. Thirty-six decentralised renewable plants – a mix of biogas, wind, solar (photovoltaics, or PV) and hydropower – were linked by three companies and a university in a nationwide network controlled by a central computer.

This demonstrates that new coal or nuclear power stations can be avoided, if a strong commitment to implementing renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency is made. Since nuclear power creates 25 times more carbon emissions than wind energy, when you include reactor construction, uranium refining and associated transport, pursuing nuclear power development would be against the Coalition Government's own plans to cut carbon emissions.

Energy efficiency and putting solar technology on buildings can be pursued everywhere in Kent. Mr Collins should be supporting this, not nuclear, especially as the UK has dropped from third to 13th in the world for green investment. below China, Brazil and India.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party, Tonbridge



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GRIFFIN

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James on 14th March 2011. A baby brother and sister for Bryony.

HILTON

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LUCAS

Joel and Victoria of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Isla Victoria, on 21st March 2011.

MILLER

Scott and Lesley Miller of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their adorable daughter, Grace Scarlett Miller, born 23rd March 2011.

O'NEILL

Little girls are so much fun we thought we'd

have another one. Grace Peggy arrived on Monday, 7th March, 2011, at Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital, on 7th March 2011, 7lb 14oz, 53cm, proud parents Stephen and Jane, big sisters Alice and Olivia. She's beautiful.

DEATHS

AXFORD

Violet Hilda May Axford passed away peacefully on 26th March, 2011, aged 88. Much loved mother of Jane and Jill and grandma to Emma, Chris, Beth, Nicola, Kirsten, and Kevin. Reunited with her beloved husband, William. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium on Friday 15th April at 1:15pm

FARLEY

Michael Farley died peacefully on 25th March 2011. Any donations would be gratefully received by Maidstone Hospital (Whatman Ward) in his memory.

RATCLIFFE

Mona Zoe Ratcliffe passed away peacefully on 16th March 2011. A loving wife now together with her devoted husband Richard, who died ten days previously. They had 66 wonderfully exciting years of marriage together. A much loved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who will be deeply missed.

VEITCH

Brian Veitch of Ramsgate passed away on 26th March, 2011. Enquiries to H R Palmer Ramsgate 01843 592720.

A Duff argument

Oh dear, I'm afraid Ray Duff has shot himself in the foot again (Letters, March 20). He sneers at the fact that the world once had a worldwide flood, thousands of years before he and his friends had invented 'man-made global warming'.

Geologists have already proved there was once a worldwide flood, whether Noah was involved or not. The remains of a craft the size of Noah's Ark has been located on a mountain range in eastern Turkey, (also mentioned in the Koran), which rather proves the Biblical account.

Further proof of a global flood are the woolly mammoths found frozen in the ice in Siberia. They were so rapidly frozen some still had grass in their mouths and scientists believe it is possible to capture cells and DNA to recreate them. They were drowned in the flood, then frozen as the Earth rapidly cooled.

All the evidence suggests there was once a mantle of water vapour around the Earth that acted exactly like a greenhouse, ensuring a warm climate all over the world. Sound rather familiar, Mr Duff? Maybe that accounts for the ancient Buache map showing Antarctica as it would have looked, before it was covered in ice.

So much of what was written in the Bible has been proved to be true by scientists, geologists, biologists and various other experts in their fields. If only the same could be true of Ray Duff's man-made global warming.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Growing problem

To agree with Phil Granger twice in a month is surely going too far. Perhaps he's becoming as cynical – or realistic – as me.

The fact is, he's right. Although climate change occurs naturally, the human contribution of carbon emissions is a moot point, although not to be encouraged. The human depletion of natural resources – especially oil, gas and coal – will continue to increase if the population continues to rise. This is not a good thing. The concept of sustainability is ignored.

I despair when I hear that farmers in Britain are expected to increase food production by 50 per cent over the next few decades. Think of the implications of that when more and more land is turned over to building.

Kent is a good example – the Garden of England is becoming the Patio of England.

Mr Granger mentions India and China. Both countries have realised the dangers of over-population but only China – hardly a democratic country – has the power to impose a 'one child per family' policy and compulsory abortions. Unacceptable to us, maybe, but they are addressing the problem, albeit in a draconian way.

There are plenty of reliable methods of birth control but no social or financial incentives. If the stabilisation, and gradual reduction, of the population is desirable, then it should be a national policy, regardless of political parties, environmental or religious groups. Over-population has become the elephant in the room. Unfortunately, the economy is now the global religion, and growth its principal mantra. A fools' paradise indeed.

Dave Stewart, Deal

They are so right

I find I am in agreement with both your correspondents Dave Stewart and Phil Granger. Unfortunately we have little available action to do much in either Dave or Phil's arguments.

I wholeheartedly agree with Phil on over-population. But how do we address this? No politician will address the issue of the continuing growth of our numbers. Charities continue to want to protect the lives of millions of children in Third World countries while our own population is growing due to those from Asian and former Eastern Bloc countries who, seemingly have no idea what birth control is. At the same time, British people seem to be shrinking in numbers. Our welfare state seems only to support people who burden the world with children. This is madness. The tax system should support no more than two children, beyond which you're on your own and you should be penalised for more. Don't forget fathers with multiple children from different partners.

Instant treatment at a vasectomy clinic should be mandatory – perhaps this is the answer across the world. It is, after all, the men who are at fault here.

I agree with Dave that a tidal barrage across the Thames and Medway carrying a new river crossing while generating electricity would not only be a sensible installation it would also reduce the load on Dartford. It would provide local jobs in Grain, Sittingbourne, Medway,

Southend and surrounding areas and protect London and much of the tidal reaches. Indeed power generation in this manner is proven and the technology in use in France. Most if not all rivers could and should generate electricity.

Given that oil and coal will disappear as a means of heating our homes, then the need for electricity will increase.

Both the above arguments have much to favour them. But the big issue is that both are just too hot for politicians to deal with. No politician would ever suggest removing mankind's right to breed and likewise no politician would ever suggest recycling is a waste of time when real investment is needed in proper renewable sources.

We, the population of the world have to make the right decisions ourselves and if in our own small way we can make a difference then so much the better. Otherwise all I can see is a ravaged, polluted planet, its natural resources stripped, overburdened by sick, undernourished people standing on each others heads in a desperate struggle to survive. Do we want this for our children?

Dave Tutt, Chatham

Detecting cancer

I would like to thank you for highlighting the tragic passing from cancer of Jordan Terry, from Erith. Our thoughts are with his family.

Sadly, we had a similar experience last year. My father died of bowel cancer in May. He fell ill in August, 2009, and was diagnosed with anaemia which continued for months.

He repeatedly visited his GP as his symptoms worsened towards the end of 2009. My father wasn't the type to complain of pain unnecessarily, having survived anthrax, heart attacks, and a heart bypass. He pushed for a hospital appointment, as he wanted to see a consultant. The original appointment was April, 2010, but he managed to bring it forward to March.

The surgeon took one look at my father and told him he was very ill and needed immediate surgery to remove a tumour. The surgeon gave up his day off on the Saturday to perform the surgery. My father survived the operation and seemed to make a slow recovery, but a few days after he returned home, he became seriously ill and had to return to hospital.

Before he was readmitted a specialist nurse visited him at home. My mum thought it was a routine visit to monitor his condition, but she told my father his illness was untreatable. Mum called me as she thought she had misunderstood, so I was told over the telephone that my father could not be treated. We were in total disbelief – the cancer had progressed so fast.

Within a matter of days after my father returned to hospital, we were told there was nothing they could do for him.

The registrar informed us the tumour was so large it had burst, so the cancer had travelled throughout my father's body.

This obviously had not happened overnight. The nurse said anaemia was often a sign of cancer and should have been investigated much sooner.

We have often felt that my father's cancer was not detected early enough and soon after he passed away considered taking action, but you try to be positive and deal with your grief as best you can. But nearly 10 months later, the nagging feelings we tried to push to the back of our minds are now occupying our thoughts once again.

Your article helped us find the mental strength to take action for the memory of my father, who was loved by everyone, and for all the other families that have been affected by similar tragedies.

The UK has the lowest detection rate for cancer in Europe, a shocking statistic. We would like to start a campaign to raise awareness and early detection of cancer, as it seems in some cases doctors are failing us.

I was treated successfully for melanoma, as I was aware of the symptoms and my GP treated the case as urgent. It really seems like a lottery when it comes to detecting cancer. The frustration, emotional devastation and grief is worse when you realise that your loved one died of a cancer that could have

been successfully treated if it had been diagnosed earlier. There is no guarantee that everyone can be cured, but every patient who visits their GP with serious concerns about their health deserves to be given the best treatment and advice. We understand there are constraints on budgets, but it is obvious some GPs need more training in cancer detection. We put our trust in them and their expertise, but sadly it seems some of them do not have sufficient knowledge about the symptoms of various cancers.

Nobody is perfect, but if they are unsure, they should refer the patient to a consultant as a matter of urgency for an expert opinion. Let's hope that something positive can come from such tragedies.

Michele Weedon, Maidstone

Rooney's foul play

Wayne Rooney? It's an old but true saying 'You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear', but in this case it's a bit of an insult to the sow's ear.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Feel the benefit

At a time of economic cuts and welfare reform, millions are facing considerable financial pressures.

With this in mind, it seems startling that two-thirds of those living on low incomes in the UK and who may be entitled to in-work benefits, are not claiming them, according to a Turn2us survey.

Many of those struggling to make ends meet could claim, but don't. Often they don't realise what they are entitled to. This is especially true of the older generation.

In fact, the Turn2us research shows that nearly nine in 10 of low earners are totally unaware of the existence of in-work benefits.

This despite the fact that two-thirds of those surveyed nationally recently experienced a fundamental change to their working conditions, be it a decrease in working hours, or a change in salary.

In these uncertain times, it's more important than ever to ensure everyone is aware of their potential entitlement to welfare benefits and tax credits. I urge individuals to access the benefits checker at www.turn2us.org.uk, and check what they might be entitled to, how much and where to claim.

Benefits Awareness Month is running throughout April. Spread the message and let's get individuals claiming what they may be entitled to.

Edwina Currie, Turn2us

A deadly gamble

News of horses dying on British racecourses rarely gets published, yet a new analysis by Animal Aid shows that at least 162 horses suffered this fate over the past 12 months.

Cheltenham is the most lethal course in the country, accounting for 13 of the total number of victims.

Aintree, home of the Grand National, also proved treacherous, with four horses dying on a single day at the 2010 three-day meeting. While these two courses proved especially lethal, no fewer than 48 of Britain's 60 racing venues saw at least one thoroughbred fatality, while nine of them witnessed two or more deaths in a single day. The majority died from broken necks, backs or legs; or from pelvic fractures, tendon injuries, haemorrhages, or heart attacks.

The figures come from Race Horse Deathwatch, an online database established by Animal Aid, because the racing industry refuses to publish meaningful information about racecourse fatalities. There can be only two explanations for the industry's silence.

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CLOSE-UP: Students at EMR during the Crop Science Investigation event

BUDDING young scientists were given a taste of laboratory life at East Malling Research.

The CSI: Crop Science Investigation event was part of the institute's commitment to National Science and Engineering Week, and was attended by youngsters from Invicta Grammar in Maidstone, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar in Faversham, and Tunbridge Wells Grammar for Boys.

The A-level students were shown how trees can be DNA fingerprinted, how water moves within plants, and how to detect the proteins scientists use to determine the movement of insects and develop crop protection systems.

Head of science Dr Chris Atkinson said: "It was great to welcome such enthusiastic students. With the issues of food production and adapting to climate change becoming increasingly important, the field of horticultural research which underpins how the world's population will ultimately feed itself will become an even more exciting

career opportunity."

In an effort to demonstrate that not all science takes place in laboratories, the EMR team took the students out onto its 550-acre site near Maidstone, renowned for its advances in horticultural research.

The youngsters were given the chance to collect insects from trees to compare the varieties and numbers of bugs present in the different species of tree.

Dr Atkinson said: "The day gave the pupils a real hands-on experience, especially the time spent in the orchards, and I hope showed how we start to develop integrated pest control strategies from field research through into actual laboratory work."

EMR is a subsidiary of the East Malling Trust and an independent provider of research, development and consultancy serving the food chain and other sectors of the land-based industry. Customers include the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), commercial companies and the European Union.

Academy's lasting legacy

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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CONSTRUCTION experts have praised the success of a two-year training programme that came to a close last month.

Kent's National Skills Academy for Construction was formed in 2009 as part of a Labour government initiative to drive up the standard of industry training.

It was launched by the Kent Local Education Partnership 1 – a collaboration between Kent County Council, Partnerships for Schools, the Kier Group, and Northgate Managed Services – to deliver new school facilities in Gravesham and Thanet.

Other contractors involved were Willmott Dixon, Canterbury-based Provian

Construction, and Sittingbourne-based Denne Construction. In the past two years the programme secured 72 apprenticeships, found 25 young apprentice placements, recruited 26 day-release professionals, offered 102 work placements for local 14 to 19-year-olds, and provided 22 graduate summer work placements.

A skills co-ordinator joint-funded by KCC and CITB-Construction Skills was also employed to match school-leavers, the long-term unemployed and others with opportunities in the construction industry.

Gillian Cain, regional delivery manager for CITB, said: "In the two years since the skills academy has been running, it has made a noticeable difference to the local economy and significantly increased the employment opportunities of the local workforce."

"Kent's skills academy can really claim to have left a lasting legacy for the community

in which it was based." One of the roles of the academy was to ensure the partnership's main contractors met commitments to provide apprenticeships and work-related training opportunities.

Across the two years it also hosted 26 curriculum support events and 60 school resource days.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "We set some very demanding targets to make sure the investment in new school facilities benefited both the schools and local communities."

"This shows how KCC and industry can work together to improve employment opportunities and support the construction sector."

"I have championed work-placed learning alongside more traditional subjects so young people are as prepared as they can be for employment, or be prepared as they need to be for further education or training."

Kier's Tony Franklin said: "A key objective of the partnership was to ensure the communities in which the schools were built benefited. We are proud of our achievements in delivering an extensive range of employment and training opportunities, as well as employing 70 per cent of the trade workforce locally."

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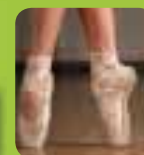
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Go Dutch for a chance to embrace the water

By **NICK AMES**

THE story of the people of The Netherlands has one thread running through it – the battle against the sea.

The Dutch and their ancestors have been working to hold back and reclaim land from the North Sea for more than 2,000 years, since the time a race called the Frisians settled the country and began to build 'terpen', the first dykes to hold back the water.

Today, some 27 per cent of The Netherlands is below sea level, and this area is home to more than 60 per cent of the country's population of 15.8 million people.

Dykes were built and canals and pumps used to drain the land and to keep it dry.

From the 1200s, windmills had been used to pump excess water off the fertile soil, but today most of the windmills have been replaced with electricity- and diesel-driven pumps.

However, the Dutch have always lived side by side with the waters, and now they are being used as a valuable natural resource, for heritage and ecotourism, recreation, sport and transport.

The town of Dordrecht, in the south of the country, is an easy three-hour drive from the French port of Dunkirk, which is served by two-hourly ferry services from Dover, run by DFDS Seaways.

As well as having some of the best-preserved classic Dutch architecture, a museum with a collection of masterpieces dating back more than 300 years and a fine selection of cafés, bars and restaurants, it is the perfect place to explore the waterways and windmills so associated with the country.

And if you want to see a little of city life, a fast water-taxi gets you to Rotterdam in 55 minutes.

Nowhere in the world will you find as many windmills as in the village of Kinderdijk, just five miles away, and the image of picture-postcard Holland.



WIND POWER: Windmills abound in Kinderdijk, above, where they used to scoop water from the polders and return it to the River Lek. Left, a solar-powered boat is an ideal mode of transport for slipping noiselessly along the waterways to spot wildlife

Nineteen were built in 1740 and they are all well preserved in a World Heritage Site, recognised by UNESCO.

The mills were designed to drain the excess water from polders – land reclaimed from the sea and used for agriculture – using the force of the wind in their sails to power large paddle-wheels which scoop it into the nearby River Lek.

But sometimes the Dutch actually return land to water.

The Biesbosch is a maze of rivers, creeks and streams covering 9,000 hectares of national-park woodland and grassland. It is one of the few remaining freshwater tidal areas in Europe.

It is home to bitterns, great white egrets, many species of waterfowl, kingfishers and bearded tits among a wonderful range of birds.

The establishment of new wetland areas at the Biesbosch – where water is allowed to flood reclaimed ground – has been beneficial to many species, and it is hoped that the white-tailed eagle will soon be breeding there.

Another project has seen beavers reintro-

duced – they are thriving and also helping the landscape to evolve by cutting down trees to build lodges, allowing space for other growth.

The last native beaver in The Netherlands was clubbed to death near the River IJssel in 1825 by hunters who valued its fur – now there are many in the Biesbosch, and even a watchpoint for visitors.

A solar-powered boat, one of the few in Europe, is the best way to see the landscape unless you fancy negotiating winding creeks in a kayak.

The boat glides almost silently through open water, giving views of the area's plants, such as a rare type of marsh marigold, as well as the chance of glimpsing foxes and roe deer.

Rather smaller are the rare root vole and the water shrew – mammals that in turn help feed high numbers of birds of prey.

Dawn and dusk provide a special treat for visitors – the distinctive slap of a beaver's tail as it swims to its lodge. Excursions are run to time with the beavers' most active periods – there is probably no better way or time to enjoy this wonderful place.



Practical guide

- Travel: via DFDS Seaways – Dover to Dunkirk
- Stay: Hotel Dordrecht, three stars, restaurant and bar
- Cultural visit: Dordrecht Museum, portraits, landscapes and historical works by Dutch masters (above)
- Heritage visit: Kinderdijk windmills, Dordrecht church and town centre.
- Ecological visit: Biesbosch National Park
- Eat and Drink: Villa Augustus, restaurant situated in its own large vegetable patch (below)
- Currency: Euro
- Languages: Dutch, although most residents speak English



FOOD & DRINK

Oysters are the dish of the day

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY NICK AMES

OYSTERS have been caught off the coast of Whitstable since Roman times and the town is synonymous with the seafood delicacy.

The Kentish shellfish were so popular with the high society of ancient Rome that shells 2,000 years old have been discovered in modern-day Italy.

The town stages an annual oyster festival to celebrate the catch and the prosperity it brings; there are related displays in the local museum; and various buildings and boats along the shoreline all have connections with oysters.

The shells themselves are piled up on the shingle most days of the year as well.

The harbour in the town was the first to be connected to a railway network – nicknamed the Crab and Winkle Railway, which was a play on the initials of its official name of the Canterbury and Whitstable Railway. Its main function was to transport the fruits of the sea.

A remaining original Whitstable oyster boat, or smack, called The Gamecock is kept at

Conyer, near Faversham, while others are still working off the coast of Scotland and in the Bahamas.

But one institution possibly symbolises the town's relationship with its favourite seafood most effectively of all.

Wheeler's Oyster Bar in the high street, with its photogenic pink façade, has become famous throughout the culinary world for its menu.

Established in 1856, it has won numerous accolades, including a Le Routiers, and even published its own cookbook.

Published in 2003, The Oyster Seekers was recipient of the Best UK Fish and Seafood Book title at the Gourmand World awards.

With a shop in the front, the restaurant area itself is extremely small and seats just 12 people. Booking is definitely advisable.

When my dining companion and I visited, every table was occupied.

Seasonal

The idea behind Wheeler's – which has no alcohol licence but at no extra charge allows diners to bring their own wine – is quite a simple one, but extremely effective.

The menu is seasonal and selected so that the freshest and most locally-sourced produce can be served up – even using fish which has been brought ashore after a single day's fishing trip rather than two weeks at sea.

In a climate in which food miles are considered important and huge emphasis is placed on eating locally-farmed, -grown or -caught produce, this is a definite plus.

We started off with half-a-dozen oysters (£4.40) served with a slice of lemon – these went down very easily.

My friend chose as a starter a risotto of natural smoked coley finished with baby spinach, soft egg-yolk and Parmesan (£6.90). She pronounced it delicious – as was my choice of pan-fried crab cake with a sweet chilli ecrevisse and a warm brie, rocket and walnut salad (£7.80).

The portions were also the right size, with enough on the plate to act as excellent appetisers but not so large as to spoil the delights still to come.

My guest opted for herb-crusted halibut, which came with roast baby artichokes, shallot and thyme puree, buttered spinach leaves, trumpet mushrooms and fondant potato (£20).

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Both main dishes were cooked to perfection and artistically plated, with attentive staff ready to answer questions about how they had been prepared.

While the dining area is small, tables are arranged extremely well, with enough space to ensure diners are not crowded together.

Whitstable has a reputation of a place popular with tourists and daytrippers, and Wheeler's is surely one of the reasons for

this. It's a proper hidden delight of a dining venue with excellent food served in quirky but charming surroundings.

While the food is not exactly cheap, it is probably worth remembering that accompanied with wine bought at shop prices the overall cost of any meal is competitive for a top-class establishment.

Our bill came to £58.60 – and I paid £7.95 for a bottle of Pinot Grigio from the off-licence across the road.

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TV funnyman brings his weird world to the stage



Review

BY ED HILL

MILTON Jones has been praised for his killer one-liners, but stand-up comedy was not his initial choice of career.

"I tried to be an actor years ago and wasn't really getting anywhere – and then I began to do stand-up," he said.

"Once I got through the initial difficulty of getting good at it, I liked that I was in control of what I did. I was not dependent on anyone ringing me. I could just get on and do it."

His acting work faded into the background, but Jones still approached stand-up with the method for playing a part.

He said: "When I was younger, because I was interested in acting, I was inspired by people like Rowan Atkinson and Ronny Barker, rather than stand-up comedians. Then I saw Eddie Izzard and Harry Enfield and could see there was a different way of doing it. They blended the jokes in with the character."

But for an actor, breaking the usual barrier between the audience and the stage was a difficult skill to learn.

"The thing about live comedy is that it is interactive, and there is direct communication with an audience. That is hard to get used to," said Jones.

"If someone shouts something from the crowd you have to deal with it. At first I would go into rough places as a middle-class guy and say smart things, and it wouldn't really go down very well.

"It wasn't until I thought of my act as a character that it really began to make sense. I began to look at it through his world. My comedy was weird observations and I found that if I went on looking a bit weird it broke down those barriers, and was less threatening for a crowd."

Testosterone

Recently, Jones's profile has been raised after his appearances on BBC2's *Mock The Week*, which revolves around the news headlines, but at first he was not sure if his comedy would fit in with the topical show.

He said: "I didn't think it would be ideal for me because it is a rather testosterone-filled environment, but I think it works because I bring a different angle to it."

"It is a mistake to try to do what other people are doing and, to be honest, that isn't really why they have booked me. I know I am probably not going to be as good at that sort of newsy stuff as other people on the show."

"The main problem with *Mock The Week* is getting a word in because there are seven other people who all have an opinion. If you don't get in what you want to say quickly, then someone will probably get there before you."

"Luckily, because I do one-liners I can get them in and hopefully they will stick in people's heads."

And Jones's weird world, which has also led to eight series on Radio 4, has a broad appeal that can take in a family crowd.

He said: "I enjoy looking out into the theatre and seeing a range of ages. I don't talk about politics or sport – it's wider observational stuff but in a quirky form."

Inventing one-liners is a constant mission, and appearing on television means the struggle for new jokes becomes even more intense.

Milton Jones gets in character for show



QUIRKY: Milton Jones believes adopting a persona helps the audience get involved

Jones said: "Unlike musicians, fans do not want to hear your old jokes – they want to hear something new. I just end up looking for stuff all the time. You always have to move forward. It is the oxygen that keeps you going."

The live show will not disappoint those who only know Jones through the television show.

He said: "It is similar, because there are a lot of quick jokes, but it is split up with music, characters and I also use an overhead projector. The slant of the jokes is more wide-ranging

and I can use things like cartoons to bring a bit of variety. There will also be a lot more interaction with the audience as well."

"People may not expect that, but I have been doing stand-up for a long time. It is the bit I enjoy the most. I have my jokes and I know they will work, but the best bits are when I leave those and go on to something else and it is special for the audience on that night."

"I also enjoy performing live because I can develop longer jokes or running gags without being interrupted by another panellist."

As for the title of his latest tour, the comic says fans should not read too much into it.

He said: "The promoters phoned me up on the day they were printing the posters. I looked on a pad that I had with me at the time and they were the two words that I had written down. They just seemed appropriate."

• **Milton Jones – *Lion Whisperer* will be at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on Wednesday, April 13. For tickets and more information, visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.**

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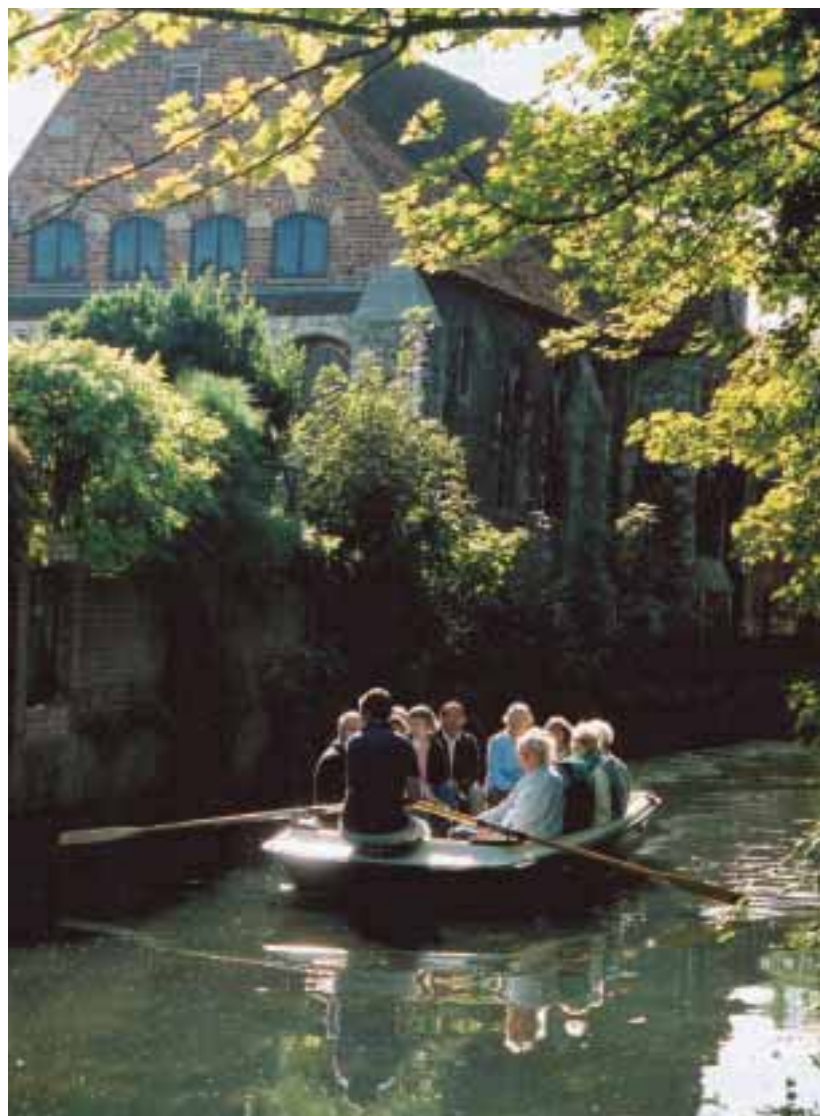
The town is famous for its bookstores, with Waterstones boasting two branches, while tucked away in more obscure corners is an excellent range of second-hand stores with bargains and collectors' editions piled from floor to roof.

Canterbury's large student population means music is also well catered for, with a large HMV store on two floors and, for those with a taste for old vinyl, a second-hand store on the Whitstable road.

Fashion stores abound, with a great variety in the Whitefriars shopping centre, which shows how stylish modern-day architecture can blend seamlessly with treasured buildings from the past.

Sometimes malls and shopping centres are the best for purchases, but visitors should be aware that there are many opportunities in the city to check out the smaller, independent, retailer.

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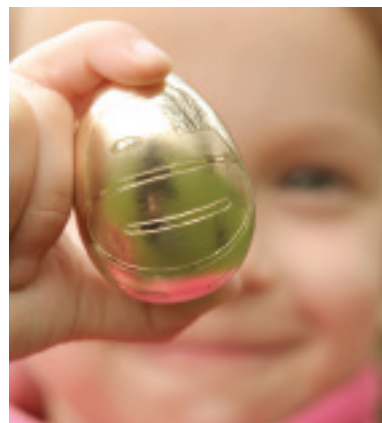
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Golden egg at end of national treasure hunt

HUNDREDS of families will take part in egg hunts over the Easter holidays, but only one person will be lucky enough to claim the prize of a Golden Egg worth £2,000.

To celebrate the UK release of new animated film HOP, English Heritage and Universal Pictures have joined up to present the ultimate nationwide Easter-egg hunt.

A total of 27 English Heritage properties – including Walmer Castle and gardens and the home of Charles Darwin, Down House near Bromley – will host Easter Family Fun Trails from April 16-25.

However, these traditional Easter-egg hunts will have an added twist – participants who find the elusive Easter Bunny at each site will get to take part in a competition to win a Golden Egg, courtesy of HOP.

Blending state-of-the-art animation and live action, HOP tells the story of Fred, played by James Marsden, an out-of-work slacker who accidentally injures E.B, the teenage son of the Easter Bunny, voiced by Russell Brand, and must take him in as he recovers.



Traditional family fun in the garden

MAY Day will be going with a swing at Godinton House and Gardens as the accent falls very much on tradition.

A maypole and Morris dancers will decorate the gardens on Wednesday, May 2, and local artisans will perform demonstrations of their work, whilst falconry displays will give visitors the chance to learn more about hawks.

Locally-produced delicacies will be on offer in the barn, including goods from Challock Farmers Market, such as spicy treats from Temple Foods and a range of produce from the Challock Chutney Co among other local vendors.

Children can enter the May Day costume competition by dressing up as a May Queen or Jack in the Green and have the chance to get creative with a variety of crafts. Traditional games such as pin the tail, horseshoes and bat and trap will add to the classic feel of the day.

Food will be on offer throughout the afternoon with a barbecue and other refreshments supplied in the cart shed. The tea room will serve cakes when the house opens.

The gardens and event open at 12pm. Godinton House opens at 2pm. Admission for the event and garden costs: £5 for adults; £2 for children.

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A **HIDEOUS** cast of mucky characters will descend on Dover Castle on the weekend of April 16-17 to offer up a light-hearted look at crime and grime from the past.

From facing the executioner's block to catching deadly bubonic plague, life would have been a hazardous affair and from 10am-5pm each day brave visitors can travel back in time to witness the horror.

Accompanied by live leeches, a medieval and an 18th-century surgeon will use some of the barbaric equipment of the time to amputate, cauterise, remove arrows, pull teeth and operate.

By royal appointment, Queen Victoria's ratcatcher, Jack Black, will reveal how he worked to keep the streets clear of vermin with deadly poisons, lures and ratpits, and a Victorian 'tosher' – effectively a toilet-cleaner – will give visitors the chance to sift through sewage in search of artefacts.



Overseeing proceedings will be the executioner, ready to chop off the head of any unruly visitors, and youngsters can get their face painted with the pox.

This look at the grim side of history is aimed at all ages. Normal admission prices apply, plus £1 per participating child (including EH members): adults £13.90, concessions £11.80, children £7, family ticket £34.80.

For more on Dover Castle, visit www.english-heritage.org.uk.



Dogan brings his heritage to music

AS part of the Equator World Music Festival, Dogan Mehmet And The Deerhunters will be offering a unique mix of Turkish and English folk-music styles.

Dogan is a second-generation Turkish Cypriot and his heritage forms a big part of his musical identity, alongside his love for English traditional music and the rich cultural heritage.

He is a hugely dynamic front man, exceptional vocalist and talented multi-instrumentalist mixing jazz, funk, soul and indie-rock styles into his music.

Dogan Mehmet And The Deer Hunters have an increasing reputation as one of the most original and exciting live acts to come out of the folk scene in recent years – they come highly recommended.

The band are working on their new album due for release this spring.

The concert takes place at the Norton Knatchbull School, in Hythe Road, Ashford, at 7.30pm on Friday, April 15.

Tickets: adults £8, concessions £5, students £3, children free.

For more information on the band, visit www.doganmehmet.com. For details about this year's Equator Music Festival, visit www.equatorfestival.com.

Café date for guitar duo

JAMIE Moore and Dave Reay will make a welcome return to the Belgian Café in Ramsgate this month.

The duo's guitar performances span Latin, swing, gypsy and acoustic styles, and they impressed audiences when they played the venue in December.

Canadian-born Moore's evocative lyrics mix with his flamenco guitar as he adds vitality to jazz favourites.

After recording two original albums and

making a national tour of his homeland, Moore held residencies in several West End hotels and now lives in Thanet.

David Reay, a regular at Broadstairs Folk Festival, favours Bebop styles and has completed a national tour in addition to recording three jazz-folk albums with his wife, Gay.

The pair will combine acoustic melodies with smooth jazz for the free-entry event, on Friday, April 15. It starts at 8.30pm. Visit www.belgiancafe.co.uk for details.

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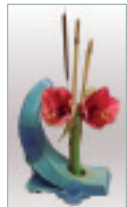
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
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25. Cane under trial for lasting ability (9)
26. Proceed to find the fool (4)
27. Plan to dig around for something with which to gild a lily (4,5)

SCRIBBLE HERE

Down

1. Digging done by one in a suit (9)
2. Ran libel article about a dancer (9)
4. Ever out to go off course (4)
5. Duty lists for cooking the roast (5)
6. Pilot has to arm Ian somehow (6)
7. Vehicle with a worn top (4)
9. Cat got into a rumpus systematically (5)
11. Coats thrown at the races (5)
12. Turns into a grim journey (9)
13. Tree trend can be off-putting (9)
17. There's an odd number (5)
19. You give it when retreating (6)
22. Love a bad actor to return to an American city (5)
23. Cause the downfall of the United Nations party (4)
24. Read the descendant part (4)

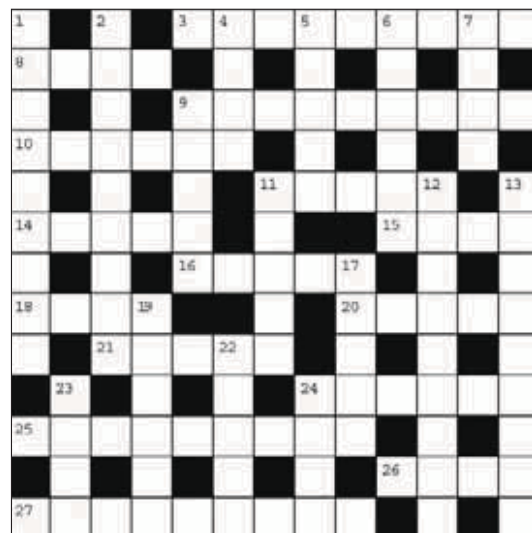
QUICK CLUES

Across

3. Assign (9)
8. Frolic (4)
9. Primmess (9)
10. At sea (6)
11. Seraglio (5)
14. Mortal (5)
15. Stable (4)
16. Faith (5)
18. Peel (4)
20. Surmise (5)
21. Vex (5)
24. Gap (6)
25. Mechanical (9)
26. Worry (4)
27. Willingness (9)

Down

1. Treason (9)
2. Salary (9)
4. Jog (4)
5. Dance (5)
6. Credo (6)
7. Carry (4)
9. Swoon (5)
11. Dwelling (5)
12. Tiny (9)
13. Vast size (9)
17. Poisonous (5)
19. Destitute (6)
22. Fish-eggs (5)
23. Dumb (4)
24. Sibilate (4)



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CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS 433: Across: 1 Barn; 3 Asbestos; 8 Bomb; 9 Brussels; 11 Double brandy; 13 Lesson; 14 Grave; 17 Good gracious; 20 Packages; 21 Fete; 22 Sovereign; 23 Stay; 24 Swoon; 25 Violets; 16 Greece; 18 Oscar; 19 Opus; 21 Tease; 24 Hiatus; 25 Automaton; 26 Free; 27 Readiness. Down: 1 Treachery; 2 Emolument; 4 Trot; 5 Rumba; 6 Belief; 7 Tote; 9 Faint; 11 House; 12 Miniature; 13 Immensity; 17 Toxic; 19 Droid; 22 Spawn; 23 Mute; 24 Hiss.

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Tune into Funke music scene

By **JOE BILL**

EAST Kent is possibly not everyone's first port of call when looking for an up-and-coming music scene, but all that may be about to change.

Daniel Turnbull, 22, who goes by the stage name of Funke And The Two Tone Baby, has been relentlessly performing in the area to help promote this apparent hotbed of new music.

The commercial music student at Canterbury Christ Church University, in Broadstairs, has been signed to C3U Records, the university's record label.

And since then, his team has started to push music in Thanet to the wider media.

Turnbull said: "East Kent's music scene is of a very high calibre and I feel it should be shown off. There are a lot of fantastic musicians and artists gigging and performing in this area and I feel so lucky to be a part of it."

"I want to do my part in plugging the scene in this flourishing area as, without the support of the venues, promoters, locals and artists, I wouldn't be in the position I now find myself in."

The record label has even shot the one-man-band's first music video in Broadstairs as a tribute to the beautiful geographic location and fresh, imaginative musical flair to be found in the town.



"I wanted to film in a place that was reflective of both the music I produce and to promote the area that's helped me to come so far," said Turnbull.

"The Old Lookout Gallery in Broadstairs was the perfect location for the shoot because my songs are all influenced by the people and places around me. Everything has a certain connection to someone or somewhere and I put as much heart into my work as possible."

The Margate man's first single, Darkest Days, to which the new music video is accompanied, will be released on Monday, April 25 through iTunes.

The single was produced, mixed and mastered by Ian Button, of Death In Vegas fame. It is taken from Funke's upcoming album, Pushing You Back.

Turnbull said: "I really enjoyed the songs and the live 'performance' aspect that he

wanted to retain. It was fun to try to work out how to record the loops, beats and vocals, separate out some elements, and then decide on a mix approach – in the end it proved easier than we'd thought.

"I'm very pleased with the results – a mix that's both organic and technological but hopefully not always easy to tell where the dividing line is."

Funke describes his music as a mixture of old-style blues with a modern twist.

He said: "I use the traditional blues suspects – guitar and harmonica – but bring it up-to-date with beatboxing, loop pedals and other miscellaneous instruments."

As he continues to tour the pubs, clubs and venues in Thanet, Turnbull says that the bands he has played alongside in the area are as good as any.

By promoting the area, he is hoping the community will consider Thanet as a choice venue, not only to visit but also to perform, record, study and live in.

He said: "The level of musical talent in the area is exceptionally high."

"To name a few of the guys I've been fortunate to see live and perform with – The Hot Rats, The Rosco Levee Band and The Jeff Barker Band."

"These guys are some of the most talented in the area – if you get the chance, do try to catch a show. This really is only the beginning."

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INCREASE IN SALES: The number of properties sold for more than £1 million increased by 3 per cent over the year from December 2009

The market is coming back to life this spring

By **NICK AMES**

ACTIVITY in the residential property market in the UK has increased following the winter slowdown, with buyer demand on the up, especially where quality homes are available, it is claimed.

The latest quarterly review from Winkworth, a leading franchisor of real-estate agencies, says registrations increased 90 per cent between December and January and property stock levels have been boosted by an injection of new properties in January and February.

The South East is one area to particularly benefit, with the more metropolitan areas seeing the most benefit.

But there is also a concerted drive from families to move out of the capital and into rural surroundings.

The study also found that more rental properties are coming on to the market as landlords grow their portfolios to take advantage

of strong demand. Rents are still rising and average rent across the UK now stands at £2,126 per month.

The overall outlook for the sales market in 2011 remains uncertain, but prime areas and large family homes will continue to see price growth as demand outstrips supply, the report concluded.

"The family house market continues to drive activity. As ever, there is movement out of London as couples with growing families look for more space and open countryside, so long as the capital remains within easy commuting reach for work.

"Our newly-created country house department, which caters for this sector of demand, is proving to be an asset to our customers and is experiencing brisk activity," said Dominic Agace, chief executive officer of Winkworth.

"First-time buyers are, unfortunately, still struggling to get a foothold on the property

ladder as high levels of deposits continue to penalise them. Until there are signs of sustained economic recovery, the banks are likely to continue to squeeze this end of the market."

The most up-to-date figures available show that during December 2010 the number of completed house sales in England and Wales dropped by 30 per cent to 54,812 from 78,438 in December 2009.

However, the number of properties sold in England and Wales for more than £1 million increased by 3 per cent between December 2009 and December 2010, from 522 to 540.

"Flat lending and the continuing economic uncertainty led the average property price to dip significantly in February.

"Following the Budget, it's clear that the Government is desperate to stimulate lending, especially to bring more first-time buyers to the market, but it isn't providing the solid economic evidence required," said Paul Hunt, managing director of Phoebe Software.



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Cllr Juby said: "I was very pleased to be able to officially open the development for Ward Homes, which was once the site of its former offices.

"The new homes at Capstone Heights look very impressive and will offer residents wonderful views of the neighbouring area."

Ward Homes sold three properties on the launch day, with prices starting at £109,995 for a one-bedroom apartment.

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CLOSE-UP: Students at EMR during the Crop Science Investigation event

BUDDING young scientists were given a taste of laboratory life at East Malling Research.

The CSI: Crop Science Investigation event was part of the institute's commitment to National Science and Engineering Week, and was attended by youngsters from Invicta Grammar in Maidstone, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar in Faversham, and Tunbridge Wells Grammar for Boys.

The A-level students were shown how trees can be DNA fingerprinted, how water moves within plants, and how to detect the proteins scientists use to determine the movement of insects and develop crop protection systems.

Head of science Dr Chris Atkinson said: "It was great to welcome such enthusiastic students. With the issues of food production and adapting to climate change becoming increasingly important, the field of horticultural research which underpins how the world's population will ultimately feed itself will become an even more exciting

career opportunity."

In an effort to demonstrate that not all science takes place in laboratories, the EMR team took the students out onto its 550-acre site near Maidstone, renowned for its advances in horticultural research.

The youngsters were given the chance to collect insects from trees to compare the varieties and numbers of bugs present in the different species of tree.

Dr Atkinson said: "The day gave the pupils a real hands-on experience, especially the time spent in the orchards, and I hope showed how we start to develop integrated pest control strategies from field research through into actual laboratory work."

EMR is a subsidiary of the East Malling Trust and an independent provider of research, development and consultancy serving the food chain and other sectors of the land-based industry. Customers include the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), commercial companies and the European Union.

Academy's lasting legacy

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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CONSTRUCTION experts have praised the success of a two-year training programme that came to a close last month.

Kent's National Skills Academy for Construction was formed in 2009 as part of a Labour government initiative to drive up the standard of industry training.

It was launched by the Kent Local Education Partnership 1 – a collaboration between Kent County Council, Partnerships for Schools, the Kier Group, and Northgate Managed Services – to deliver new school facilities in Gravesham and Thanet.

Other contractors involved were Willmott Dixon, Canterbury-based Provian

Construction, and Sittingbourne-based Denne Construction. In the past two years the programme secured 72 apprenticeships, found 25 young apprentice placements, recruited 26 day-release professionals, offered 102 work placements for local 14 to 19-year-olds, and provided 22 graduate summer work placements.

A skills co-ordinator joint-funded by KCC and CITB-Construction Skills was also employed to match school-leavers, the long-term unemployed and others with opportunities in the construction industry.

Gillian Cain, regional delivery manager for CITB, said: "In the two years since the skills academy has been running, it has made a noticeable difference to the local economy and significantly increased the employment opportunities of the local workforce."

"Kent's skills academy can really claim to have left a lasting legacy for the community

in which it was based." One of the roles of the academy was to ensure the partnership's main contractors met commitments to provide apprenticeships and work-related training opportunities.

Across the two years it also hosted 26 curriculum support events and 60 school resource days.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "We set some very demanding targets to make sure the investment in new school facilities benefited both the schools and local communities."

"This shows how KCC and industry can work together to improve employment opportunities and support the construction sector."

"I have championed work-placed learning alongside more traditional subjects so young people are as prepared as they can be for employment, or be prepared as they need to be for further education or training."

Kier's Tony Franklin said: "A key objective of the partnership was to ensure the communities in which the schools were built benefited. We are proud of our achievements in delivering an extensive range of employment and training opportunities, as well as employing 70 per cent of the trade workforce locally."

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SILVER SURFER: The adult learning sessions in Medway are aimed at the over-55s

Free internet training

WOULD-be silver surfers have been invited to enrol on a free training course delivered by Medway Adult and Community Learning Service.

Sessions will be held in May and June to help the over-55s who have never used a computer before. Run as part of the BBC First Click initiative, the course will teach participants how to navigate around a computer screen, search the internet and find out about online security.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone aged 55 or over to explore the world of information technology and discover that it's really easy to get started," said Carol Downey of the learning service.

"After people have tried the taster course we can then help them to develop the skills they've learned."

The first course will be at the service's

Gillingham centre in Green Street, from 10am-3pm on Tuesday, May 17.

The second will be at the Rochester centre in Eastgate, on Thursday, June 16.

Spaces on the first sessions in January filled up quickly and proved popular among those who took part.

Patricia Chivers, from Luton, in Chatham, said: "I was a bit nervous at the beginning but everything was very easy to understand and it's opened up a new world for me. I have a friend in Canada and thanks to this course I can email her regularly rather than having to wait for letters to arrive."

Spaces on the May and June sessions will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. A £5 reservation fee is payable but this will be refunded on the day. Call 01634 338400 for more details.

Apprentice boosts team

KENT Adult Education has added to its team of apprentices to help other learners enhance their own career opportunities.

Erin Rockell-Bennett is taking her apprenticeship in business and administration, and is based with the Key Training Services team in Tunbridge Wells.

She has been tasked with enrolling students onto courses and helping them with their inquiries, as well as assisting tutors and programme staff with timetabling and other administrative duties.

Erin said: "I didn't realise how big an organisation Adult Education was. The number and variety of courses they offer is amazing."

"In future I am hoping that having completed this apprenticeship I will have gained enough experience in customer services that I will be able to find a permanent position using my new skills."

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Taking her art to the Max

A ROCHESTER filmmaker picked up an award at last month's National Student Film Festival.

University for the Creative Arts student Max Kimber, who is in the final year of her fine art degree at UCA Canterbury, won in the Best Experimental Film category for Cusp.

The part-time learner has picked up several accolades for the film, which she says

"examines the tenuous nature of life through a young fledgling".

She added: "It feels amazing to win another award. I am most certainly not taking them for granted."

"The success of my film hasn't made me want to move away from fine art. I view my filmmaking as an extension of my fine art practice rather than a destination, although I do have another film I want to make."

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A & C Pumps Ltd
Pauline@thepumppeople.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Office & IT Manager

Ashford
Salary £23,000 - £25,000
To apply/more information:
Kent Community Foundation
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Co-ordinator

Ramsgate
Salary £20,000 PA
To apply/more information:
Thanet Kidz Club
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Learning Resource Centre Manager

East Malling
Salary £16,793 to £18,471 pro rata
Learning Resource Centre ManagerKent Scheme 5, 37 hours per week, 40 weeks per year(term time plus one week) £16,793 to £18,471 pro rata.
The Malling Holmesdale Federation is seeking anenthusiastic individual prepared to run a vibrant school library at the heart of The Malling School in East Malling. To start asap after Easter. Qualifications in English and mathematics to GCSE grade C essential. Must be IT literate. Please see our website www.mhfederation.co.uk forfull job description, person specification andapplication form. To discuss the role contact Sue Ricketts on 01732 840995 Closing date: 12:00 noon on Monday 4 April Interviews w/c 4 April MHF is committed to the safeguarding of all youngpeople and this post will be subject to an enhanced CRB and CV check.

To apply/more information:
Malling School (The)
elaine.greenwood@mhffederation.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

Gardener

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £9.00 per hour. Gardener required in the Tunbridge Wells area to work between 7-21 hours per week. Must have good sound knowledge in planting, pruning, hedge and grass cutting. Must work well on own initiative - own vehicle required. Rate of pay will start at £9.00 per hour plus fuel costs. For more information, please call 0800 032 0755.
To apply/more information:
DMS applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Site Maintenance Technician/Caretaker

Sittingbourne
Salary £14,099 - £15,984
To apply/more information:
Westlands School (The)
headteacher@westlands.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Handyman

Tunbridge Wells
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Fairview Homes Ltd
tracy.newberry@fnhltd.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Art and Design

ART TEACHER

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable
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To apply/more information:
New School at West Heath (The)
principal@westheathschool.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Catering, Hospitality

EXPERIENCED CHEF/COOK

Ramsgate
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EXPERIENCED CHEF/COOK Looking for a talented chef to create interesting, innovative menus. Must have:passion for food with knowledge of Kentish produceunderstanding of budgets, stock management Award in Food Safety in Catering Level 2. If you have the skills, enthusiasm and passion required, please telephone 07973559729.

To apply/more information:
New Inn
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Head Chef & Assistant Chef

Whitstable
Salary Negotiable
The Plough Public House
Require a Full Time Head Chef & Assistant Chef. For a busy Pub/Restaurant. Experience Necessary and Knowledge of GP would be ideal. Must be hardworking and cope under pressure. To apply please call ltan on 01227 792428.

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Shepherd Neame
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CHEF de PARTIE

Cranbrook
Salary Competitive Salary
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Shepherd Neame
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Child Care

Co-ordinator

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Salary £20,000 PA
To apply/more information:
Thanet Kidz Club
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

Cavity Wall Insulation Technicians

Pembury
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To apply/more information:
Skinner & Reeves
john@skinnerandreeves.com
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Loft Insulation Installers

Pembury
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To apply/more information:
Skinner & Reeves
john@skinnerandreeves.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Shop Fitter Joiner

Kent
Salary £11 Per Hour
To apply/more information:
Best Connection Agency (The)
maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref:

Traffic Mangament Ops

Kent
Salary £7 - £ 12 Per Hour
Traffic Mangament Opertives wanted for ASAP start. Day and night shifts available. Monday to Friday. MUST HOLD Lantra 12 A/B / 1 Day or 12D or SUSSEX tickets.Also looking for Lantra Supervisors. Role will include working with a crews on high speed roads in the south east. Duties will include lane and road closures, stop and go and light control. Also maintaining road sides and all types of different road maintenance roles. The work will be starting in the Dartford area and covering Area 3 and 4 on Kent and Sussex Motorways. Please call Carl Davis on 01622 664999 for more details.
To apply/more information:
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maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
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SUB-CONTRACT ELECTRICIAN

Maidstone
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SUB-CONTRACT ELECTRICIAN Required for around three days per week.17th Edition preferred. Must have owntools and transport. Varied work.Rates by experience and negotiation. E.mail details to heronelectrical@hotmail.co.ukor phone Alan on 07926 068108.
To apply/more information:
Alan Skues
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Plant Drivers

Kent
Salary £10 - £12 Per Hour
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maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref:

Domestic

Care Domestic

Westgate
Salary Negotiable
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To apply/more information:
Gordon Lodge
applications@kosmedia.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

IRONING SUPERVISOR

Maidstone
Salary Negotiable
FULL TIME IRONING SUPERVISOR FULL and PART TIME CLEANERS and IRONERS REQUIRED Maidstone area. Please call Vicky 01732 780935 or e-mail vicky.irvine@mollymaid-cleaners.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Molly Maid
vicky.irvine@mollymaid-cleaners.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

CLEANERS AND IRONERS

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Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Molly Maid
vicky.irvine@mollymaid-cleaners.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Domestic Trades

Gardener

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £9.00 per hour
To apply/more information:
DMS applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Site Maintenance Technician/Caretaker

Sittingbourne
Salary £14,099 - £15,984
To apply/more information:
Westlands School (The)
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Handyman

Tunbridge Wells
Salary Negotiable
We require a handyman to joinour team at The Bridge, TunbridgeWells, a new development of 2bedroom apartments.The successful candidate will be ableto work alone or as part of a team.Duties will include light/mediummaintenance, cleaning responsibilitiesand assisting the sales team withdaily tasks. Immediate start essential.Please telephone0800 883 8170for more information.
To apply/more information:
Fairview Homes Ltd
tracy.newberry@fnhltd.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

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SUB-CONTRACT ELECTRICIAN Required for around three days per week.17th Edition preferred. Must have owntools and transport. Varied work.Rates by experience and negotiation. E.mail details to heronelectrical@hotmail.co.ukor phone Alan on 07926 068108.
To apply/more information:
Alan Skues
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Education, Teacher, School

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
Arriba
Quoting Job Ref: kos

ART TEACHER

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
New School at West Heath (The)
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Site Maintenance Technician/Caretaker

Sittingbourne
Salary £14,099 - £15,984
To apply/more information:
Westlands School (The)
Quoting Job Ref: kos

ASSESSMENT & PERFORMANCE DATA ANALYST

Northfleet
Salary £9,574 to £10,531 p.a.
To apply/more information:
Northfleet School for Girls
info@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

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Northfleet

Salary £11,968 to £13,164 p.a
To apply/more information:
Northfleet School for Girls
info@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Northfleet
Salary Dependant on **To apply/more information:**
Northfleet School for Girls
info@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

COVER SUPERVISOR

Rochester
Salary £15,039 - £19,126 pro rata
To apply/more information:
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
freej001@medway.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Learning Resource Centre Manager

East Malling
Salary £16,793 to £18,471 pro rata
To apply/more information:
Malling School (The)
elaine.greenwood@mhffederation.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

TYRE FITTER / WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT

Ashford
Salary £8.50 - £9.50 per hour
To apply/more information:
Rimsstyle Autodesign Ltd
sales@rimsstyle.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Jig Borer/Jig Grinder

Gillingham
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Aerospace Tooling
g.jones@aerospace-tooling.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Wire Eroder/Spark Eroder

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Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Aerospace Tooling
g.jones@aerospace-tooling.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Sheet Metal Worker / Welder

Sheerness
Salary £9.00 Per Hour
To apply/more information:
Best Connection Agency (The)
maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Estate Agency, Property

Handyman

Tunbridge Wells
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Fairview Homes Ltd
tracy.newberry@fnhltd.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Health & Beauty

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
Arriba applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

SHAMPOOIST/ RECEPTIONIST

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable

To apply/more information:
Hare and Now
tracy@thildrew.orangehome.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Health & Safety, Security, Defence

PQQ SUBMISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
piper@piperwindows.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

HR, Recruitment

Recruitment Executive Ashford

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT J KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

PQQ SUBMISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
Quoting Job Ref: kos

To apply/more information:
Kent Community Foundation
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Leisure, Tourism, Travel

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
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applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

PQQ SUBMISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
Quoting Job Ref: kos

STORES PERSON

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
LMS Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Head Chef & Assistant Chef

Whitstable
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Plough (The)
theplough.swalecliffe@live.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

ASSISTANT PUB MANAGER

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Quoting Job Ref: kos

CHEF de PARTIE

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Salary Competitive Salary
Manager on 01580 713348.
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Quoting Job Ref: kos

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Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Hare and Now
tracy@thildrew.orangehome.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Management, Senior Positions

TRAINEE OFFICE MANAGER

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A & C Pumps Ltd
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Quoting Job Ref: kos

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Shepherd Neame
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Office & IT Manager

Ashford
Salary £23,000- £25,000
To apply/more information:
Kent Community Foundation
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Development and Marketing Officer

Ashford
Salary c. £21,000- £23,000
Development and Marketing Officer We are seeking a self-motivated Development and Marketing Officer to support the growth and expansion of Kent Community Foundation. We are an energetic and ambitious charity that supports hundreds of voluntary and community organisations across Kent and Medway. So if you want to make a difference to your local community, this could be the job for you. We are looking for someone with a successful track record in a business development role. Charity fundraising experience would be helpful but not essential. What is most important is excellent communication and relationship-building skills. You will have a positive, can-do approach working as part of a small hard-working and enthusiastic team, with excellent customer service skills. To find out more about this role, please email admin@kentcf.org.uk or phone 01303 814 500. Salary: c. £21,000- £23,000. Full-time. Permanent.
To apply/more information:
Kent Community Foundation
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Print, Packaging, Distribution

Estimator

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
Celebrating 130 years in the print industry, Headley Brothers Ltd is currently looking to recruit an Estimator. Working within the Commercial team and handling a range of print projects, as Estimator you would be responsible for: Producing accurate estimates, tenders and costings; obtaining pricing from internal sources and suppliers,

and preparing price matrices. Liaising with staff, suppliers and customers, to ensure provision of the best possible production alternatives and solutions to client requests. Supporting the Commercial Manager in ensuring the commercial success of the company The ideal candidate will: Be self-motivated, highly-driven and dynamic Have excellent organisational skills Be a strong team player, with excellent interpersonal skills Have strong oral, numerical and written communication skills Estimating experience and/or a knowledge of the print industry would be considered useful, but not essential. Headley Brothers Limited is an Investor in People and an equal opportunities employer. Please send your CV to Paul Palmer, Headley Brothers Ltd, The Invicta Press, Queens Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 8HH, or by email to: paul.palmer@headley.co.uk. All applications should include reference number: KOS01. Closing date: Friday 15th April 2011. Please note that responses will only be issued to applicants that are eligible for interview.
To apply/more information:
Headley Brothers Limited
andy.owden@headley.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos01

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

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To apply/more information:
Utility Warehouse
johnandshella@minibills.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Sales People

Canterbury
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Your Local Business Marketing info@yourlocalbusinessmarketing.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Car Sales Executive
Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells
Salary Negotiable

To apply/more information:
Invicta Motors
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Estimator

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Headley Brothers Limited
andy.owden@headley.co.uk

Quoting Job Ref: kos01

Transport, Logistics, Aviation

LGV C+E (HGV1)

Drivers

Aylesford
Salary £9.25 - £14.00 per hour
Class 1 Drivers required for Supermarket work. Various ongoing shifts available - weekdays, weekends, early and late. You should have a good understanding of WTD and

drivers hours, whilst also being presentable and customer focussed. A digital tachograph card is essential. Due to insurance, applicants must be over 25, have 2 years Class 1 experience and no more than 6 points for minor endorsements (no DR, DD, CD, LC or TT). Please

contact Alex on 01622 664999 to arrange an interview. Alternatively, email CV to maidstone.admin@thebestconnection.co.uk The Best Connection Employment Group, Cornwalls House, Pudding Lane, Maidstone, ME14 1NY.
To apply/more information:
Best Connection Agency (The)

maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: AH04

Class 1 Drivers

Across Kent
Salary TBC
To apply/more information:
maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

PREMISES LICENCES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Licensing Act 2003 Notice of Application for Grant of a Premises Licence Savers Health and Beauty Limited has given to Maidstone Borough Council an application for the grant of a Premises Licence for Savers, 76 Week Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1RJ. The licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on at the premises are the sale by retail of alcohol. The Licensing Register of Maidstone Borough Council is held at The Council Offices, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ and, where applicable, at www.maidstone.gov.uk. during normal office hours at the Council's above address and, where applicable, at any time on the above website. Representations which shall be made in writing may be made by an interested party or responsible authority to Maidstone Borough Council to be received at their above address by no later than Wednesday, 4 May 2011. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application; the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction being £5,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Thiyagarajah Arunthavachelvam of 153 Whitehill Road Gravesend Kent DA12 5LS** has applied to Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street Gravesend DA12 1AU for the VARIATION of a Premises Licence for an off licence Extension of Opening Hours are **Monday to Sunday 6am until 11pm** for the premises **Valley Drive Mini Market of 3 The Parade Valley Drive Gravesend DA12 5RT**
Any person wishing to submit representations to my application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 18 April 2011.
The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Notice of an Application for the Grant of a Premises License (Licensing Act 2003)

Notice is hereby given that Christine Cobourn has applied to Ashford Borough Council for the Grant of a Premises License for Sale of Alcohol from 08:00 until 20:00 Monday to Sunday for the premises The Barn Shop situated at Canterbury Road, Challock, TN25 4BJ.

A register of licensing applications can be viewed at the Licensing Section, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL 01233 330721 by appointment.

Any person wishing to submit representations to this application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by - 4th May 2011.

The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one or more of the four Licensing Objectives: The prevention of crime and disorder, Public Safety, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5000), under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/MA/0137/2011 - Proposed development at Leeds & Broomfield CEP School, Lower Street, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1RL.

Leeds & Broomfield CEP School is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for the provision of new access to playground from classroom and the erection of a protective canopy over. The proposed development is within the Lower Street, Leeds Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance. The proposed development also may affect a Public Right of Way.

You may view this application at Maidstone Borough Council, The Gateway Reception, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 10 April 2011



Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 11/00743/FUL Benenden Girls School Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
- Proposed single storey extension to Guldeford House housemistress's apartment with first floor balcony (LB)
11/00857/LBC Pippins Gedges Hill, Brencley
- Listed Building Consent: Replace three windows to front and two to rear of property. Install three secondary double glazing units inside (LB)
11/00900/LBC The Oasis Tearooms 17 High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed Building: Removal of internal wall (LB)
11/00896/LBC Barn & Outhouse 20M N Of Park Farmhouse, Horsmonden
- Listed building consent: To retain temporary cover to roof and walls of barn and outhouse, works already carried out (LB)
11/00883/HOUSE 32 Birling Drive Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Single storey rear extension to provide kitchen/breakfast room and replacement of utility room roof with single pitch roof, including extension to create porch area (CA)
11/00920/HOUSE Spenden Old Hall Spenden Lane, Sandhurst
- Replacement garage block (LB)
11/00822/HOUSE Broomlea Langton Road, Speldhurst
- Loft conversion with alteration to roof to include 2 cottage style dormers to rear (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planning.comments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 09 April 2011



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Notice of Offer

We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £79,000. Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Agent Contact Details:
Mann Countrywide, 88 High Street, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 1AX

Tel.No: 01634 851008

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Notice team on
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PUBLIC NOTICES

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONE) ORDER 2011 (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011 (PROHIBITION OF LEFT HAND TURNS) ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE NEW ROADS AND STREET WORKS ACT 1991 AND THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

NOTICE is hereby given that The Kent County Council has made Orders under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by Schedule 8 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, the effect of which has introduced a Restricted Parking and 20mph speed limit zone on a small section of Victoria Road from a point 30.0 metres north west of the mid point of the shared cycle / pedestrian footpath known as "Learning Link", south eastwards to a point 10.0 metres south east of the mid point of its junction with Victoria Crescent.

The School – Keep Clear Marking in Victoria Road outside of the school entrance will be remarked and be enforced to prevent vehicles causing obstruction to traffic flows. The remaining lengths of Victoria Road, Leacon Road and Gasworks Lane are subject to "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions; along with a small section of Bowens Field where parked vehicles have caused limited access to the existing footbridge.

It is also proposed under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, that turning left from Victoria Crescent into Victoria Road, Ashford has been prohibited. This is a safety measure preventing larger vehicles that often visit the industrial area in Victoria Crescent, from exiting onto the opposing carriageway of Victoria Road.

A copy of the Orders which shall come into operation on Monday 11th April 2011, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Ashford Borough Council Offices, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

WATER LANE, STURRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT ducting works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, Sturry, on or after 16 April 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via A28 Mill Road and Fordwich Road.

It is planned that the works will be carried out on Saturday 16 April and Sunday 17 April, with a further closure on Monday 18 April after 2.00 pm to reinstate the road surface.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD) (PROVISION OF WAITING) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO. 8) ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE NEW ROADS AND STREET WORKS ACT 1991 AND THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by Schedule 8 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, has made an Order the effect of which has extended the existing "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions on A226 London Road, Stone in Dartford.

The Kent County Council has secured funding for a safety improvement scheme to the existing crossroads junction at A226 London Road, B2174 Hedge Place Road and Stone Place Road, Stone, Dartford.

This scheme involved the removal of the existing Zebra crossing and the introduction of signal control on all four arms of the junction. As the proposed pedestrian crossings are to be controlled within the traffic signal scheme the standard zig - zag road markings have not be installed.

A copy of the Order which shall come into force on Monday 11th April 2011, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the waiting restrictions may be inspected during normal office hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ, Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR and Stone Parish Council Offices, Recreation Ground, London Road, Stone, DA9 9DQ.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision

contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

FULBERT ROAD & ROKESLEY ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fulbert Road & Rokesley Road, Dover, on or after 13 April 2011 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The entire lengths of each road will be closed in rolling sections, as advised and signed on site.

Access will be maintained from either Fulbert Road or Rokesley Road as signed locally, with other access maintained whenever it is safe to do so.

MARINE PARADE, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marine Parade, Dover, on or after 14 April 2011 for up to 6 weekdays or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Townwall Street and Waterloo Crescent.

The alternative route is via A20 Townwall Street, Snargate Street, Prince of Wales Roundabout to Union Street, Esplanade and Waterloo Crescent.

THE STREET, SHOLDEN, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT works to clear a blockage in a duct in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Sholden, Deal, on or after 26 April 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between numbers 30 and 61.

The alternative route is via The Street, A258 London Road and Sholden New Road.

WILLOW ROAD, GREAT MONGEHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to construct a kerb build-out, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Willow Road, Great Mongeham, on or after 11 April 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Deal Road and Northbourne Road.

The alternative route is via Deal Road, The Street and Northbourne Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL, DISTRICT OF DOVER) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 4) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of this Order will be to introduce no loading or unloading on Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm on the following lengths.

HIGH STREET On the eastern side from the junction with Market Street to the junction with King Street.

On the western side from the junction with Stanhope Road for a distance of 40 metres in a southerly direction.

KING STREET On both sides from the junction with High Street for a distance of 20 metres in an easterly direction.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays in the offices of Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, between 9.00am and 5.00pm and at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone during normal open hours from 11 April 2011.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order, you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Highway Services, Transport and Development, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way,

Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 2 May 2011

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A2260 SPRINGHEAD ROAD, NORTHFLEET) WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTION, 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under 1, 2(4) and part IV of Schedule 9 section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order prohibits any person to cause any vehicle capable of exceeding 7.5 tonnes gross weight from using the A2260 Springhead Road, from the junction with A2260 Hall Road to a point 25 metres south east of the junction with Haldane Gardens subject to exemptions for loading and unloading, emergency service vehicles and public service vehicles:-

The Order was sealed on 4 April 2011 and will come into force 11 April 2011.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Gravesham Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Gravesham and at Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times from 11 April 2011.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DUNN STREET ROAD, BREDHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Dunn Street Road from Forge Lane to Lidsing Road on or after Sunday 1st May 2011 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Forge Lane, Lidsing Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for highway improvement works. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HIGH STREET, YALDING (SPECIAL EVENT) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994

Notice is hereby given that whilst an event is taking place on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on the High Street, Yalding.

The Order will be effective between 1400hrs to 2000hrs on the 29th April 2011 or until the event finishes. The road will remain closed when appropriate signage is displayed on site.

The alternative routes for traffic during the event will be signposted. For light vehicles via Vicarage Road, Mill Lane and for large goods vehicles via the B2010/A229 to Maidstone, the A26 Tonbridge Road and A228/B2015/ B2162 or vice versa.

The purpose of the Order is to enable the Royal Wedding street party to take place.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TOVIL AND EAST FARLEIGH) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2010

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to impose a 40 miles per hour speed limit on the lengths of roads described in the Schedule hereto.

A copy of the Order, an explanatory statement and maps showing the lengths of road concerned may be

inspected during normal office hours at Kent Highway Services, Network Management, Invicta House, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XX and at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ

The Order was sealed on 8 April 2011 and will come into force 11 April 2011.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone Kent and at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ during normal opening times from 11 April 2011.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

Schedule 40mph Speed Limit**In the Parish of East Farleigh****B2010 Lower Road, East Farleigh**

From the Parish boundary of Tovil south-westwards to a point 11 metres north-east of the centre line of the access to "Little Court Lodge Farm"

In the Parish of Tovil**B2010 Dean Street, Tovil**

From a point in line with the common boundary of house number 143/145 Dean Street south-westwards to the Parish boundary of East Farleigh

C65 Dean Street, Tovil

From its junction with B2010 Dean Street southwards to a point 66 metres north of the centre line of the access road to "Valley Farm"

ROAD FARM LANE, OTTERDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace a telegraph pole, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Road Farm Lane, Otterden, on or after 26 April 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Slade Road for a distance of approximately 100 metres northwards.

The alternative route is via Seed Road, Frith Road, Foxen Road, Wyebanks Road and Road Farm Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

STATION ROAD & BROCA ROAD, HEVER - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Station Road & Brocas Road, Hever between Brocas Farm and road leading to Hever Station.

The Order will become effective on 11th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 12th April 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Hatfield Road, Lydens Lane, New House Farm Road and Hever Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS/DARTFORD/ GRAVESHAM/TONBRIDGE & MALLING/ TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND MAIDSTONE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule 1 and schedule 2 below.

The Order will become effective on 18th April 2011 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The dates shown in the schedules are anticipated dates however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site 7 days in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800
(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



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The alternative routes for the restrictions are also stated in the attached schedules.

The roads in schedule 1 will need to be re-closed approximately 7 days after original closure to carry out road sweeping and replacement of lines.

Schedule 1

Sevenoaks

Road Name:	Spring Hill, Penshurst
Extent:	Between The Lane and Sandfield Road
Date:	27th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A227 Tonbridge Road, Plaxtol Lane, Tree Lane and Yopp Green
Road Name:	Labour in Vain Road, Wrotham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Plaxtol Green Road and Tumblefield Road
Road Name:	The Heath, East Malling
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Wateringbury Road, Chapel Street, High Street, Mill Street, Clare Lane, Broadwater Road and Pikey Lane
Road Name:	Lower Street, Hildenborough
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	27th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, B245 Dryhill Park Road and A227 Shipbourne Road
Road Name:	Stan Lane, West Peckham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	28th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Swanton Road, The Hurst, Gover Hill and Forge Lane
Road Name:	Longmill Lane, Plaxtol
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	3rd May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Dunks Green Road, Hamptons Road, School Lane and The Street
Road Name:	Vigo Hill, Trottisccliffe
Extent:	Between A227 Gravesend Road and Taylors Lane
Date:	4th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A227 Gravesend Road, A20 London Road, Ford Lane and Taylors Lane
Road Name:	Knowle Road, Wouldham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	High Street, School Lane and Pilgrims Way

Dartford

Road Name:	Ship Lane, Sutton at Hone
Extent:	Between A225 Main Road and Church Road
Date:	4th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A225 Main, A20 Main Road/London Road, Button Street and Wood Street

Gravesham

Road Name:	White Horse Lane, Meopham
Extent:	Between Harvel Road and Dean Lane
Date:	4th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Harvel Street, Harvel Lane and Harvel Road
Road Name:	Cobhambury Road, Cobham
Extent:	Between The Street and Warren Road
Date:	5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	The Street, Sole Street, Gold Street, Henley Street and Luddesdown Road
Road Name:	Church Lane, Chalk
Extent:	Between A226 Rochester Road and Lower Higham Road
Date:	5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Lower Higham Road, Vicarage Lane, Chalk Road and A226 Rochester Road
Road Name:	White Post Lane, Cobham
Extent:	Between Round Street and Copt Hall Road
Date:	5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Round Street and Copt Hall Road
Road Name:	Jeskyns Road, Cobham
Extent:	Between Sole Street and Round Street
Date:	5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Sole Street and Round Street
Road Name:	Shorne Ifield Road, Shorne
Extent:	Between Mill Hill Lane and Thong Lane
Date:	6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Crown Lane, Forge Lane, A226 Gravesend Road, A226 Rochester Road and Thong Lane
Road Name:	Telegraph Hill, Higham
Extent:	Between A226 Gravesend Road and Hermitage Road
Date:	6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Hermitage Road, Forge Lane and A226 Gravesend Road

Tonbridge & Malling

Road Name:	Old Church Lane, East Peckham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Park Road, Roydon Hall Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane
Road Name:	Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Park Road, Roydon Hall Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane
Road Name:	Bewley Lane, Plaxtol
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	19th April 2011 for 2 working days

Diversion:	between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	A227 Tonbridge Road, Plaxtol Lane, Tree Lane and Yopp Green
Road Name:	Labour in Vain Road, Wrotham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Plaxtol Green Road and Tumblefield Road
Road Name:	The Heath, East Malling
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Wateringbury Road, Chapel Street, High Street, Mill Street, Clare Lane, Broadwater Road and Pikey Lane
Road Name:	Lower Street, Hildenborough
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	27th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, B245 Dryhill Park Road and A227 Shipbourne Road
Road Name:	Stan Lane, West Peckham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	28th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Swanton Road, The Hurst, Gover Hill and Forge Lane
Road Name:	Longmill Lane, Plaxtol
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	3rd May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Dunks Green Road, Hamptons Road, School Lane and The Street
Road Name:	Vigo Hill, Trottisccliffe
Extent:	Between A227 Gravesend Road and Taylors Lane
Date:	4th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A227 Gravesend Road, A20 London Road, Ford Lane and Taylors Lane
Road Name:	Knowle Road, Wouldham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	High Street, School Lane and Pilgrims Way

Tunbridge Wells

Road Name:	Ethnam Lane, Sandhurst
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	Frittenden Road, Cranbrook
Extent 1:	Between A229 to Common Road
Extent 2:	Between Common Road to Digdog Lane
Date:	20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion 1:	Common Road and A229
Diversion 2:	Frittenden Road, Digdog Lane, A262 Sissinghurst Road, High Street and Common Road
Road Name:	London Road, Cranbrook
Extent:	Between Frittenden Road and A229
Date:	20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Frittenden Road, Common Road and A229
Road Name:	Spongs Lane, Cranbrook
Extent:	Frittenden Road and A229
Date:	20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Frittenden Road, Common Road and A229
Road Name:	Water Lane, Hawkhurst
Extent:	A268 one way section to St Ronan's School
Date:	31st April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Water Lane, A268 Rye Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Potters Lane and Water Lane
Road Name:	Glassenbury Road, Cranbrook
Extent:	Between A262 Goudhurst Road and Chalk Lane
Date:	21st April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A262 Goudhurst Road, A229 Angley Road, Hartley Road and B2085 Glassenbury Road
Road Name:	Church Road, Paddock Wood
Extent:	Between Mile Oak Road and Warrington Road
Date:	26th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Mile Oak Road, Mascalls Court Road, B2169 Maidstone Road, Warrington Road and Church Road
Road Name:	Queen Street, Paddock Wood
Extent 1:	Between Mascalls Court Lane and Church Road
Extent 2:	Between Church Road and Lucks Lane
Date:	26th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion 1:	Mascalls Court Lane, Mascalls Court Road, B2169 Maidstone Road, Warrington Road and Church Road
Diversion 2:	Church Road, Warrington Road, Maidstone Road and Lucks Lane
Road Name:	Fordcombe Road, Speldhurst
Extent:	Between A264 Ashurst Road and

Date:	The Lane
Diversion:	27th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	B2188 Fordcombe Road, Spring Hill, Saints Hill, New Road, Fordcombe Road, B2176 Rouges Hill, Penshurst Road, Bidborough Ridge, A26 London Road, St Johns Road, London Road, A264 Church Road, Mount Ephraim, Bishops Down and Langton Road
Road Name:	Foxhole Lane, Hawkhurst
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	12th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A268 Rye Road and Hinksden Lane

Maidstone

Road Name:	Peens Lane, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Church Hill, Lower Farm Road and Long Lane
Road Name:	Lenham Forstal Road, Lenham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Forstal Road, Malthouse Lane, A20 Ashford Road/Maidstone Road, Charing Heath Road/Tile Lodge Road and Church Hill
Road Name:	Forstal Road, Lenham
Extent:	Frontage to Lenham Forstal Cottages
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Lenham Forstal Road
Road Name:	Broomfield Road, Broomfield
Extent:	Between Ashford Road and Gravelly Bottom Road
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Broomfield Road, Chartway Street, A274 Maidstone Road, B2163 Leeds Road/Upper Street/Lower Street/Penfold Hill and A20 Ashford Road
Road Name:	Stickfast Lane, East Sutton
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	East Sutton Road, A274 Maidstone Road, Tattlebury Road and Tilden Lane
Road Name:	Church Road, Otham
Extent:	Between Firthwood Close to Whitehorse Lane
Date:	19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Gore Court Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street and Deringwood Drive
Road Name:	Warmlake Road, Chart Sutton
Extent:	Between A274 to Ivans Field
Date:	19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Amber Lane, Back Lane, Wierton Lane, B2163 Heath Road, Plough Wents Road and A274 Maidstone Road
Road Name:	Wierton Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Lower Farm Road, Church Hill, B2163 Heath Road and Wierton Lane
Road Name:	Grange Lane, Boxley
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Boarley Lane, Sandling Lane and Boxley Road
Road Name:	Underlyn Lane, Marden
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	17th and 24th April 2011 between 09.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	B2079 Maidstone Road/High Street/Church Green/West End/Goudhurst Road, Sheephurst Lane, B2162 Benover Road and Green Lane/Hunton Road

Schedule 2

Sevenoaks

Road Name:	Scabbarbour Road, Leigh
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	19th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Morley Road, B245 London Road, Watts Cross Road and Philpot's Lane
Road Name:	East Hill Road, West Kingsdown
Extent:	Between Goodbury Road and Cherry Tree Grove
Date:	26th May 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	Watery Lane, Kemsing
Extent:	Between Heaverham Road and Honeypot Lane
Date:	27th May 2011 for 8 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Heaverham Road, High Street, St Edith's

Road Name:	Road, Noah's Ark and Honeypot Lane
Extent:	Beldham Haws, Halstead
Date:	Entire Length
Diversion:	1st June 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	Goodbury Road, Shoreham
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	2nd June 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Birchin Cross Road and Clarkes Green Road
Road Name:	Skeet Hill/Park Gate, Crockenhill
Extent:	Between Daltons Road and Golf Course
Date:	6th June 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Skeet Hill Lane, Skibbs Lane, Bucks Cross Road, Hawstead Lane and Well Hill
Road Name:	Zambra Way, Seal
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	7th June 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	Lakeview Road, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	8th June 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Lambarde Road, Betenson Avenue and Robyns Way
Road Name:	Gordon Road, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	9th June 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Granville Road and Argyle Road
Road Name:	Argyle Road, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	9th June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A224 London Road and Southpark
Road Name:	Gracious Lane, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Between Gracious Bridge and Hubbards Hill
Date:	10th June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Oak Lane, Ashgrove Road and Weald Road
Road Name:	The Brownings, Edenbridge
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	11th June 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	Forcombe Road/Spring Hill, Penshurst
Extent:	Between A264 Ashurst Road and Sandfield Road
Date:	12th June 2011 for 10 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	A264 Ashurst Road, Stonecross, A264 Langton Road, Langton Green, A264 Bishops Down, A264 Mount Ephraim, A26 St Johns Road, A26 London Road, Southborough, B2176 Bidborough Ridge, B2176 Penshurst Road, B2176 Rouges Hill, Penshurst, B2188 Fordcombe Road, Penshurst B2188 New Road, Penshurst, B2188 Saints Hill, Penshurst.
Road Name:	Cowden Pound Road, Hever
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	15th June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Uckfield Lane, Station Road and Hever Warren Road
Road Name:	Nicholson Way, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Entire Length
Date:	16th June 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	North Ash Road, Ash Cum Ridley
Extent:	Between Ash Road and Redhill Road
Date:	16th June 2011 for 10 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Ash Road and Redhill Road

Dartford

Road Name:	Hook Green Road, Southfleet
Extent:	Between Whitehill Road and Warren Road
Date:	11th May 2011 for 8 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Dale Road, Station Road, Betsham Road and Highcross Road
Road Name:	Dene Walk, Longfield
Extent:	From Oakwood Rise for its entire length
Date:	14th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	Oakwood Rise, Longfield
Extent:	Between Hartley Road and St Marys Way
Date:	14th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Hartley Road, Main Road and St Marys Way
Road Name:	St Marys Way, Longfield
Extent:	From Main Road for its entire length
Date:	15th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name:	Milton Road, Greenhithe
Extent:	Between Church Road and Craylands Lane
Date:	17th May 2011 for 5 working days

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(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



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Diversion:	between 07.00 – 19.00 Craylands Lane, London Road and High Street
Road Name: Extent:	Joyce Green Lane, Dartford Between Henderson Drive and Trevithick Drive
Date:	18th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Henderson Drive and Trevithick Drive
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Rosewood, Wilmington From Birchwood Drive for its entire length 19th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Roman Villa Road, Darenth Between Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill 19th May 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Darenth Hill, Green Street Green Road, St Margaret's Road and Holmesdale Hill
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Clement Street, Sutton at Hone Between Arnolds Lane and Goss Hill 23rd June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Goss Hill, Barn End Lane, High Road, Church Hill, Hawley Road, Main Road and Arnolds Lane

Gravesham	
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Waterlow Road, Vigo Between Erskine Road and Harvel Road 26th April 2011 for 14 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Harvel Road and Erskine Road
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Highview, Meopham From Erskine Road for its entire length 28th April 2011 for 13 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Erskine Road
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Evenden Road, Meopham From Huntingfield Road for its entire length 4th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Highwoods Close, Higham From Fairview Drive for its entire length 4th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Fairview Drive, Gravesend From Oak Drive for its entire length 5th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Beech Grove, Higham Between Taylors Lane and oak Drive 5th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Taylors Lane, School Lane, Villa Road and Norah Lane
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Ash Crescent, Higham Between Oak Drive and Beech Grove 6th May 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Oak Drive and Beech Grove
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Oak Drive, Higham Between Norah Lane and Taylors Lane 6th May 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Norah Lane, Villa Road, School Lane and Taylors Lane
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Cerne Road, Gravesend Between St Francis Avenue and Cambria Crescent 9th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	St Francis Avenue and Cambria Crescent
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Pickwick Gardens, Northfleet Between Dene Holm Road and Masefield Road 10th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Masefield Road, Painters Ash Lane and Dene Holm Road
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Masefield Road, Northfleet Between Painters Ash Lane and Pickwick Gardens 11th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Pickwick Gardens, Dene Holm Road and Painters Ash Lane

Tonbridge & Malling	
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Swanton Road, West Peckham Between The Hurst and B2016 Sevenmile Lane 11th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	The Hurst, Gover Hill, Forge Lane, Mereworth Road, B2016 Sevenmile Lane
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Beechin Wood Lane. Platt Between Long Mill Lane and Comp Lane 13th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Longmill Lane and Comp Lane
Road Name: Extent: Date:	A228 Malling Road, Kingshill Between The Street, Mereworth and Gibson Drive 16th May 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 – 00.00
Diversion:	A26, B2016 Sevenmile Lane, A20 London

	Road, A228 Ashton Way, King Hill
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Puttenden Road, Shipbourne Between Hamptons Road and Claygate Lane 19th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Hamptons Road and Claygate Lane
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Parkway, Tonbridge Entire Length 21st May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Hopgarden Road
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Hopgarden Road, Tonbridge Entire Length 21st May 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Sailsbury Road, Norwich Avenue and York Road
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Cophthall Road, Igtham Entire Length 24th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Common Road, A26 Sevenoaks Road and Coach Road

Tunbridge Wells	
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Springhead, Tunbridge Wells Between Ferndale and Ferndale 22nd May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Ferndale
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Beltring Road, Tunbridge Wells Entire Length 22nd May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Birling Drive, Tunbridge Wells Entire Length 23rd May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	St Georges Park, Tunbridge Wells Entire Length 24th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Brenchley Road / Horsmonden Road, Brenchley Between Church Close and Spout Lane 25th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Horsmonden Road, B2162 Maidstone Road, Yew Tree Green Road, Crook Road, Windmill Hill and Brenchley Road

Maidstone	
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Attwater Close, Lenham Entire Length 28th April 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Tilefields, Hollingbourne Entire Length 28th April 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	South Green Lane, Stockbury Entire Length 3rd May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	South Lees Lane, Rumstead Road, Rumstead Lane and A249
Road Name: Extent: Date:	The Street, Stockbury Entire Length 4th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Hill Green Road, Cradles Road, Lower Hartlip Road, Cowstead Lane and Bull Lane
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Blind Lane, Detling Entire Length 4th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Fauchions Close, Bearsted Entire Length 5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Cambridge Crescent, Shepway Entire Length 5th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Notttingham Road, Hereford Road and Northumberland Road

Road Name: Extent: Date:	Priony Close, East Farleigh Entire Length 6th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Whitebeam Drive, Coxheath Entire Length 7th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Pembroke Road, Hanover Road, Cobtree Road and Linden Road
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Norton Road, Sutton Valence Entire Length 8th May 2011for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Warmlake Road, Amber Lane, Wierton Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road
Road Name: Extent 1:	Broomfield Road, Broomfield Between Ashford Road and Gravelly Bottom Road

Extent 2:	Between Gravelly Bottom Road and Chartway Street
Date:	9th May 2011 for 5 working days between 09.30 – 15.30
Diversion 1:	Gravelly Bottom Road, Lenham Road, Water Lane, Chegworth Road and A20 Ashford Road.
Diversion 2:	Chartway Street and Gravelly Bottom Road.
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Bushy Grove, Broomfield Entire Length 10th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Chestnut Drive, Ashford Road, Broomfield Road, Gravelly Bottom Road and Caysier Drive
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Ulcombe Road, Ulcombe Entire Length 10th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	Kings Road, A274 Maidstone Road/ Mill Bank and Tattlebury Road
Road Name: Extent: Date:	Lower Road, Sutton Valence Entire Length 17th June 2011for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion:	High Street and Rectory Lane

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Surfacing Dressing works (schedule 1) and Carriageway Micro Surfacing works (schedule 2) to be undertaken by Kent Highway Services.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

BEACHBOROUGH, NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of tree surgery works to remove overhanging tree canopy, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beachborough, Newington, Folkestone on or after 17 April 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the entrance to 'Coombe Farm' and the entrance to 'Little Orchard'. There will be no access for through traffic between Folkestone and Etchinghill.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, M20 between junctions 12 & 13, (non-motorway traffic via B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road and Cherry Garden Avenue) A20, A260 Spitfire Way, Canterbury Road, A2 Dover Road, Bonny Bush Hill, Black Robin Lane, Valley Road, Derringtonstone Hill, Elham Valley Road and Canterbury Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

VARIOUS ROADS, THANET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of surface dressing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Thanet, on or after 27 April 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, planned dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below. There are 2 closures for each road, firstly 1 day for Surfacing Dressing and then 1 day for sweeping & lining.

SEAMARK ROAD, BIRCHINGTON
Surfacing on 27 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 4 May 2011
Alternative route via A28 Canterbury Road, A299 Thanet Way and Seamark Road
Access to Thanet Earth from A299 will be unaffected

PARK ROAD, BIRCHINGTON
Surfacing on 27 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 4 May 2011
Alternative routes
EAST BOUND via Shottendane Road, Minster Road, Canterbury Road, Charlesworth Drive and The Parkway
WEST BOUND via Shottendane Road, Manston Road, Park Lane, Stone Barn Avenue, Linnington Road and Cornford Road

THE STREET, ACOL
Surfacing on 10 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 17 May 2011
Alternative route via B2050 Manston Road, B2190 Spitfire Way and Minster Road

MANSTON COURT ROAD, MARGATE
Surfacing on 28 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 5 May 2011
Alternative route via B2050 Manston Road and A256 Haine Road

MINSTER ROAD, WESTGATE
Surfacing on 28 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 5 May 2011
Alternative route via Shottendane Road, Garlinge High Street and Canterbury Road

COTTINGTON ROAD, CLIFFSEND
Surfacing on 10 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 17 May 2011

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(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Alternative route via Foads Lane, Cliffs End Road, Sandwich Road, Canterbury Road West, A299 Thanet Way, Tothill Street, Foxborough Lane, The Lanes and Grinsell Hill

NASH ROAD, MARGATE
Surfacing on 22 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 29 May 2011

Alternatives route via Tivoli Road, Beatrice Road (return via College Road), Ramsgate Road, Margate Road and A256 Haine Road

Planned dates are given for each road, but the works are weather dependant and part of a major programme, so it is likely there will be some minor changes.

Roads that are missed will be deferred until further on in the programme, with the revised dates locally signposted.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, DITTON) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the eastbound slip road of Station Road and prohibiting Large Goods Vehicles from turning left onto the A20 London Road from Station Road on or after Monday 11th April 2011 for a period of up to 12 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Hall Road and A20 London Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for mains reinforcement. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Robert Anthony on 01634 276259.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HIGH STREET, WEST MALLING (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011/12

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is taking place on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on High Street, West Malling, between the entrance to the short stay car park (adj. 107 High Street) and the junction with Swan Street.

The Order will become effective on 17th April 2011 for the dates shown in schedule 1 below, between the hours of 6am to 2pm or until the time stated next to that date. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place for the durations of the events. Access will be maintained at all times as much as is possible.

The alternative route for High Street, West Malling will be via A228 Ashton Way, A20 London Road and Town Hill. The alternative route for Castle Way, Leybourne will be via Oxley Shaw Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to enable the Farmers Market, the Christmas lights switch on and the Royal Wedding street party to take place.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Schedule 1

Sunday 17th April 2011
Sunday 24th April 2011
Friday 29th April 2011 (until 8.00pm)
Sunday 22nd May 2011 (until 5.00pm)
Sunday 26th June 2011
Sunday 24th July 2011
Sunday 28th August 2011
Sunday 25th September 2011
Sunday 23rd October 2011
Sunday 27th November 2011 (until 8.00pm)
Sunday 18th December 2011
Sunday 22nd January 2012
Sunday 26th February 2012
Sunday 25th March 2012

Katherine Kerswell, Group Managing Director
Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone
Kent, ME14 1XQ
Dated 10th April 2011



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HIGHWAYS – Borough Maidstone

**(EYHORNE STREET, HOLLINGBOURNE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY
ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Eyhorne Street, Hollingbourne on or after Monday 11th April 2011 for a period of up to 21 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Eyhorne Street , Upper Street, Hollingbourne Hill, The Street, Bredgar, Primrose Lane, Tunstall, Tunstall Road, Woodstock Road, Bell Road, St Michael Road A2, Dover Street A2, West Street A2 London Road A2 Key Street A2 Bearsted Road A249, Sittingbourne Road A249, Ashford Road A20.

Southern Gas Networks Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to provide a Gas mains re-enforcement. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Keith White on 07770 730572.

**(BROADWATER ROAD,WEST MALLING)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY
ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Broadwater Road West Malling from the railway approximately 200m north, on or after Wednesday 27th April 2011 for a period of up to 10 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Well Street, Stickens Lane, Mill Street, Clare Lane and vice versa.

UK Power Networks apologies for the inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Steve Bicknell on 07920 150789.

For further information or comment please call Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**(OXLEY SHAW LANE, LEYBOURNE) (PROHIBITION
OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Oxley Shaw Lane, Leybourne between Roundhay and A20 London Road, on or after Monday 11th April 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Lillieburn and A228 Castle Way and vice versa.

Kent Highways Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to upgrade the traffic signals at A20 London Road junction with A228 Castle Way. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Ian Brooks on 01622 666212.

For further information or comment please call Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

KATHERINE KERSWELL
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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PROW - Borough of Ashford

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW136 (PART) WESTWELL)**

**PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2010**

On 03 March 2011 Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of that Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW136 which commences on the eastern side of the drainage ditch at NGR TQ 99493 46850 (Point A) and runs in a east south easterly direction for 66 metres, thence in a south easterly direction for 186 metres, thence in a easterly direction for 154 metres and thence in a north easterly direction for 231 metres to connect with the existing length of AW136, 44 metres from its connection with Tumbledown Hill (NGR TR 00027 469940 (Point B)) to a new length of length of public footpath numbered AW136, with a width of 2 metres, which commences on the eastern side of the drainage ditch at BGR TQ 99493 46850 (Point A) and runs in a easterly direction for 220 metres, where the footpath crosses the access road to Shottenden Manor for a distance of 6 metres, and thence continuing in a easterly direction for 315 metres to rejoin the existing line of AW136 at a point 44 metres from its connection with Tumbledown Hill (NGR TR 00027 469940 (Point B)). As shown on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL or at the Environment and Waste Unit at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 31 March 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 09 April 2011, make an application to the High Court.

PROW - Borough of Dartford

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS DS1, DS30 &
DS3**

IN THE PARISH OF SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE

(Public Footpaths, DS1, DS30 & DS3 in the Parish of Swanscombe & Greenhithe)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991.

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close:

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

**For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess**



**Public Footpaths DS1, DS30 & DS3, between point (National Grid Reference) NGR TQ 595 754 and
NGR TQ 595 751 from the 25th April 2011.**

The paths will be closed for a maximum of six months, however the works are likely to extend beyond this time limit and an extension may be applied for.

The paths are to be closed to allow groundworks in connection with Ingress Park secondary means of access and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is through Ingress Park along Duncannon Place and Portland Place to rejoin DS1 at the riverside and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Olivia Bonham
Tel: 01732 872829 (3).

PROW - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR235 (PART) WROTHAM)**

**PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP
AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 will extinguish the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered MR235 which commences at its junction with Pilgrims Way – 20 metres from the junction of Pilgrims Way and Old London Road – at NGR TQ 61004 59584 (Point A) and runs in a northerly direction for a distance of 39 metres to NGR TQ 61004 59584 (Point B).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Sonia Coventry at the address below (Tel: 01622 221512) (email: sonia.coventry@kent.gov.uk) before 13 May 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

**Kent County Council
Countryside Access Service
Invicta House
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX
Tel: 01622 221512**

Dated: 09 April 2011

MARRIAGE LICENSES

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949
AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

**APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made by Redrays, Biddenden Road, Frittenden, Cranbrook to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address
Giles Adey, Head of Registration,
Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Pavilion on the Sands,
Harbour Street, Broadstairs
Mr Francis Thorley**

Applicant:

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Grangemoor Hotel,
St Michaels Road, Maidstone
Mrs Chantelle Jones**

Applicant:

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Regulatory Services
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Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
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APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Dover Marina Hotel,
The Waterfront, Dover
David Otteson**

Applicant:

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
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Maidstone, ME14 1XX



**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

Applications have been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as venues for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Best Western Abbots Barton Hotel, 36 New
Dover Road, Canterbury
Christine Cooper**

Applicant:

Name of Premises: **Whitstable Castle, Tower Hill, Whitstable
Applicant: Darren Simpson**

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
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APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Ratsbury Barn, Smallhythe Road, Tenterden
Applicant: Mrs Jane Kirk**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

**APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Hartlip Place, Hartlip, Sittingbourne
Applicant: Mrs Gillian Yerburgh**

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Peugeot launch big assault on D-sector

By **SAM DAVISON**

PEUGEOT launches a potent new upmarket contender this month in the family car or D-sector of the UK car market.

Formerly known as the 'Mondeo' sector due to the ubiquitous Ford, it has since become a fierce battleground where German premium models fare just as well as those from mainstream marques.

The fact is, company car sales still dominate volumes here and 'user choosers' want premium models like the BMW 3-Series and Audi A4.

Such upmarket cars also sell better on the used market after their three years or so on company service, which means less depreciation and lower overall running costs.

It was an equation that didn't add up for Peugeot's outgoing model in this arena, the 507: it wasn't a great drive, didn't look too sharp despite some brave styling and the huge gaping maw of a grille dated quickly. In short, it depreciated badly.



However, these weaknesses seem to have been addressed by its successor, the 508 saloon and SW (sporting estate), which oozes quality and has chic styling based on the French marque's much lauded SR1 Concept Car.

The interior of the 508 combines hi-tech with the use of high quality materials and every detail has been chosen to offer indisputable perceived quality, both visually

and to the touch – an area where Peugeot has really raised the stakes in a few short years, notably with the middleweight 308 and 308CC, the 3008 crossover and the 5008 people carrier.

Peugeot also claims exceptional interior space, a generous boot, and a range of powertrains that lower CO2 and optimise fuel efficiency, while enhancing performance and driveability.



Stop-start technology is also available to cut emissions and consumption and there will be a diesel hybrid model in due course.

Priced from £18,150, the 508 range will also include a GT version with different front suspension for keen drivers.



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2008(08) FORD FOCUS STYLE SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles.....	£8,495	
2008(08) FORD FOCUS STYLE SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles.....	£7,995	
2008(57) FORD FOCUS STYLE SDR HATCH AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 14000 miles.....	£6,995	
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2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 11000 miles.....	£7,495	
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2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles.....	£6,995	
2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BEIGEBUFF, 14000 miles.....	£6,495	
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....	£5,995	
2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 17000 miles.....	£5,995	
2008(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 16000 miles.....	£5,995	
2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 16000 miles.....	£5,995	
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2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE SDR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 950 miles.....	£15,995	
2010(60) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles.....	£14,995	
2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI SDR HATCH AUTO, STAR SILVER, 1900 miles.....	£13,995	
ASTRA ESTATES		
2009(09) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles.....	£7,995	
2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....	£7,995	
2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles.....	£6,995	
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2010(59) VAUXHALL MERIVA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, STEEL BLUE, 3000 miles.....		£9,495
2005(05) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 5995 miles.....		£9,000
2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, STEEL BLUE, 11000 miles.....		£8,995
2009(59) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 3000 miles.....		£8,995
2009(09) VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles.....		£8,995
2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles.....		£8,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles.....		£7,995
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2+2 = step ahead for BMW 6 Series

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The BMW 6 Series Coupé features a sweeping coupé roofline, long bonnet, short overhangs, set-back passenger compartment with more space, long wheelbase and flat waistline.

It is all underpinned by two new

turbocharged petrol engines, a newly developed chassis and class-leading driver assistance technology.

Both engines, the 650i's 407bhp V8 and the 640i's 320bhp inline six-cylinder, may also be powerful but BMW has given them its full 'EfficientDynamics' eco package to maximise fuel efficiency and minimise CO2 emissions.

Prices are to be announced and the car will debut in the UK in October.

Buyers focus on latest Ford

FORD's all-new Focus became the nation's best seller during its debut month of March, which also launched the UK's new reg plate change.

Priced from £15,995, every new third generation Focus comes with voice-activated Bluetooth, USB connectivity, DAB digital radio, Thatcham Category 1 alarm and a system to optimise power distribution between both driven front wheels.

Frugal new 1.6 TDCi diesel-powered versions of the new Ford Focus deliver over 67mpg, while powertrains featuring Ford's new 1.6 EcoBoost turbo petrol engines return more than 47mpg, both on the combined cycle.

First launched in 1998, the Focus has been a regular bestseller for the UK market leader, though recently shaded by its Fiesta supermini and Ford Britain MD Nigel



Sharp said: "Our new Ford Focus delivers a level of refinement and comfort, combined with hi-tech features and connectivity, not found on a medium volume car."

The five-door version is the current mainstay of the new Focus range, but an estate arrives in May and the industry keenly anticipates a sporty three-door spin-off later on.

Freelander sales milestone


LAND Rover has celebrated an important milestone – production of the 250,000th Freelander 2 since launch in 2007.

Demand for this model is currently 22 per cent up on last year too, and that's a UK success story


as 70 per cent are exported.

The 2011 Freelander 2 is available with either 2WD or 4WD and a 2.2 litre diesel engine offering two power outputs – the 190hp SD4 and the 150hp TD4. Prices start at £21,995.





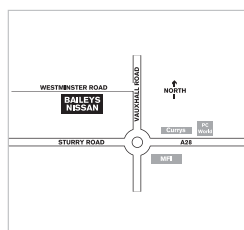
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Fuel consumption figures for Nissan MICRA Range: CO₂ 125-115g/km – URBAN 42.2-46.3mpg/6.7-6.1L/100km – EXTRA URBAN 61.4-65.7mpg/4.6-4.3L/100km – COMBINED 52.3-56.5mpg/5.4-5.0L/100km.



TIMELY RETURN: Mitsubishi Canterbury's new site in Westminster Road (left) and (above) the ASX, which become the best seller at the dealership since the opening

Mitsubishi returns to Canterbury

by
SAM DAVISON

JAPANESE marque Mitsubishi has a new dealership in Canterbury after a gap of one year.

And it is a timely return says the new site's dealer principal, Glyn Williams: "Mitsubishi is known for its 4x4 vehicles – classics like the Shogun and all-wheel drive versions of the L200 – and there has been a revival of interest in this type of car after two severe winters.

"But the brand is also now known equally for

models to suit people looking to trim their motoring budget: we have the spacious Colt supermini available with eco-friendly engines; the Lancer mid-range saloon and hatchback and the new ASX crossover with two or four-wheel drive."

Canterbury Mitsubishi has already found the recently-launched ASX – a blend of SUV, people carrier and family hatchback – to be its best seller, even though the showrooms in Westminster Road at Canterbury's Broad Oak/Vauxhall Road 'Motor City' opened fully only this week, with an official launch to come.

"Interest in the ASX has been phenomenal since we took on the Mitsubishi franchise a few months back and it is the diesel 4x4 that has been most popular, outperforming Mitsubishi's expectations and underlining people's concern about cold winters in this part of east Kent.

"Those in outlying villages suffered particularly, being stuck in their homes and unable to get to work or the shops, and going 4x4 is much easier now with models like the ASX."

But he also pointed out that the 4x4 heritage behind this new model is derived from the famous Shogun off-roader and carried over into others like the smaller Outlander SUV and the L200 – all three of these being available to buy onsite in commercial variants.

But he added: "The L200 sells more now to the private market, having launched and led the trend towards well-appointed pick-up trucks, which can be specified with four doors and five seats and used with either conventional pick-up back or with an added rear top that effectively turns it into a rugged estate.

"A lot of business and trades people like the fact that the four-door cab allows it to

be both family vehicle as well as a company workhorse."

Mr Williams also revealed that the site had applied to sell the brand's MiEV plug-in electric city car at a later date.

He said: "We believe that this could be very popular with people who face a 15-20 minute commute, at a time when fuel prices are climbing."

The new dealership offers four showroom spots for new cars and some 20 spaces outside, and joins the same company's long-standing Canterbury Saab site established in 1982 by former Kent rally and rallycross star, Will Gollop.

"It was an easy decision to add Mitsubishi to the mix – the two brands complement rather than clash with each other. Mitsubishi is about 4x4 and smaller cars and Saab is about sporting and executive models."



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DrivingReview

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Fiat 500C TwinAir

FIAT continues to amaze the market with a remarkable come-back to financial health and technical innovation.

The Italian brand also has a knack of linking the past with the future, as shown by the Fiat 500C TwinAir, tested this week.

The 'C' denotes that this is the convertible version (from £12,665), but like the opentop roof from the 1950s Fiat 500 Nuevo that inspired the curvy retro lines of the current 500, it is not a full cromptop – wind-ruffling comes via a fully-opening roof and the side pillars stay firmly in place.

But that is not the only link with the past, because the car also features a little twin-cylinder petrol engine – the sort of unit that helped get the motoring masses of Italy on the move a few decades ago.

But this modern-day 875cc equivalent also has the capacity – no pun intended – to get the whole world's motoring masses on the move again as we now look to downsize and cut our emissions and fuel consumption.

Called the Twin-Air, Fiat rightly claims that it might be small in size and ecological footprint, but not performance. Thanks to nifty tur-



bocharging, this tiny engine in this tiny car outpunches many bigger contenders. It's fun to throw around, and green, too.

Most cars that limbo beneath the 100g/km CO2 bar to become exempt from road tax are diesel or hybrid, but this petrol marvel escapes that too and without being a drag to drive.

Why would you want a weighty diesel – though you can have one in a 500 and pay more

if you wish – when you can have fun with this petrol marvel that averages nearly 70mpg? That's only slightly less than the diesel and it will out-accelerate that too, taking just 10.5 seconds to hit 62mph.

With a diesel more expensive, the fuel costing more at the pumps and a road tax bill to pay on top, there really isn't much of an argument that can be advanced for buying that instead of

a TwinAir or, indeed, the 500's 1.2 and 1.4-litre petrol alternatives.

But you knew there was a catch didn't you? Yes, the TwinAir has that thrumming beat that sounds like there is a box of angry pheasants under the bonnet. It's not a deal breaker though when there are so many plusses.

As for going for the convertible: the 500C's not a car that many blokes will buy, especially

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roof on new 500C



in the dainty blue of the test car – I drove in heavy disguise when I had the top down and one of the week's best wisecracks was "you'll pull the boys in that!"

But the 500 package is hard to resist, with a myriad of options including some stylish leather seats, to enhance the retro premium interior.

The test car came in luxurious Lounge trim with smart alloys, though a price tag of 15 grand starts to put it into BMW Mini Convertible territory – a slightly more butch pram for the boys to buy.

The roof also removes the hatchback convenience leaving a pretty awkward boot opening, though the rear seats still fold and allow some crammability and you can, of course, chuck stuff in via the open roof.

Like the Mini though, it should hold its value on the used market – helped by the many customisation options – and there is the assurance of good reliability due to shared underpinnings



from the Fiat Panda five-door runabout.

The Panda's robustness was underlined to me last year when the manager of a car hire

firm on a Greek island assured me that the little Fiat was the most bulletproof car on his fleet – praise indeed.

DrivingPortfolio

FIAT 500C TWINAIR LOUNGE £15,265

Driving appeal (OUT OF FIVE)	★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★
Value	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
How Green?	★★★★★
Road tax	£zero
Best rival	BMW Mini Convertible

The Verdict



DON'T LIKE:

the twee image and the TwinAir engine can be noisy



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A3, 1.6 Sports, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning central locking electric windows multiple airbags power steering adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 60000 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, 1.6, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering locking, silver, 8367 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, sport tdi, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player sports seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags remote central locking multi functional tuneport (i-pod and mp3 connection), Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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Finished in Anthracite Grey Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 19,200 miles. £12,995
- * 07 Plate. Skoda Octavia 2.0 TDI PD vRS 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Black Magic Metallic with a Multicolour Velour - Leather interior, 35,250 miles, £10,995
- * 52 Plate. Skoda Octavia 1.8 vRS 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Diamond Silver Metallic with a Multicolour Partial Leather/metallic Mesh Cloth interior, 91,350 miles. £3,995
- * 08 Plate. Skoda Roomster 1.4 16V 2 5-Dr MPV**
Finished in Beige Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 33,335 miles. £7,795
- * 10 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.2 (70 BHP) 5 5-Dr Estate**
Finished in Green Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 2,771 miles. £9,495
- * 10 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.2 (70 BHP) SE 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in White Mica Two Tone with a Black Cloth interior, 14,150 miles. £9,295
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Finished in Grey Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 10,700 miles. £8,995

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- * 08 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.6 16V (105 BHP) 5-Dr Estate**
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- * 08 Plate. Skoda Fabia 3 1.9 TDI PD (105 BHP) 5-Dr Estate**
Finished in Anthracite Grey Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 26,181 miles. £8,495
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Finished in Brilliant Silver Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 14,900 miles. £7,495
- * 08 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.4 16V (85 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Black Metallic Two Tone with a Black Cloth interior, 25,100 miles. £7,295
- * 10 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1 1.2 HTP 6V (60 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Dynamic Blue with a Grey Cloth interior, 9,500 miles. £6,995
- * 07 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.2 HTP 12V (70 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Brilliant Silver Metallic, 22,500 miles. £6,995
- * 07 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.4 TDI PD (80 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Beige Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 16,400 miles. £6,795
- * 58 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1 1.2 HTP 6V (60 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Dynamic Blue with a Black Cloth interior, 13,200 miles. £6,495
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Finished in Blue Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 26,875 miles. £6,295

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Finished in Graphite Grey Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 22,500 miles. £4,995
- * 53 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.4 16V Elegance (100 HP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
Finished in Black Magic Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 28,750 miles. £3,795

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- * 56 Plate. Volkswagen Golf 2.0 TDI Sport (140 PS) 5-Dr**
Finished in Steel Grey Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 80,100 miles. £8,995
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Finished in Nighthawk Black Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 47,800 miles. £5,795
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Finished in Black Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 10,510 miles. £5,795
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Equality ruling sees both sexes lose out

Q In February you advised a young woman reader to sort out her car insurance as quickly as possible because a court ruling was expected to put up her premiums to match those of young men, even though they are a higher risk than young women. I have read since then that this is exactly what has happened, but I have seen nothing about the other point you made, about men's pensions being cut. Has this gone ahead as well? I am 59 and a self-employed electrician. My pension plan is with Aviva. Am I affected? **LL**

A Bad news for you and other self-employed men, I am afraid. The European Court of Justice ruled that it was unlawful for insurance companies to take gender into account in deciding on any kind of risk. This is why young women drivers are going to see a big rise in the cost of car insurance, when they are bundled together with young men who statistically have far more accidents. At the other end of the age scale, private pensions are affected because men and women will have to be offered the same pension, even though women live longer than men. Until now, private pension plans have made bigger payments to men because they will typically die three or four years earlier than women. That has meant the insurance companies that operate these plans know that they will not have to pay male pensioners for as long as women, so they can afford to pay a little more. For example, if you had reached 65 a few months ago, with a pension pot of £100,000, you could have turned this into an annuity – a pension for life – of about £6,560 a year. A woman of the same age would have been offered about £6,000, because she would have been expected to draw her pension for a few years more than you. When the court judgment takes full effect, which looks like being next year, the woman of your age looks set to get £6,100 a year – a rise of £100 – while you are likely to be quoted exactly the same £6,100 – a fall of £460. There is no way round this. Our courts and our Parliament have no power to over-rule the European decision. If you have been counting on reaching a certain level of pension income, all you can do is put more into your pension plan or carry on working longer, in order to get back to square one.

Q I saw the letter from the reader who was refused compensation over Bradford & Bingley shares. Like most shareholders, I received shares when the building society became a bank. But I, like others, put in more money to keep the troubled bank afloat. I put in £184, and I feel if we are not recompensed then this amounts to stealing. **JD**

A In case anyone thinks their savings are not safe, I need to explain that your £184 went to

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buy more shares in Bradford & Bingley. It was not a deposit in a savings account. As a shareholder, you were one of the owners of the bank. If it made profits, you got a dividend. If it went bust, your shares became worthless – and that is what happened. The only dispute is over whether shareholders were told the whole truth in 2008, before they invested in extra shares. The story was that the bank would remain solvent, but it collapsed weeks later, taking your money with it. Nobody has fully explained how this could happen, and we are unlikely to learn what went on unless there is a public inquiry. Perhaps you should try to enlist your MP's support for this.

Q I am writing for advice about a mailing we received from Vital Beauty. We began to fill in the reply coupon but had second thoughts. **JM**

A Vital Beauty is a mail order company operating from a PO box number in Hampshire. In fact, its real name is Agence de Marketing Applique, and it is based in Belgium. The mailing tells you repeatedly that you are the winner of a guaranteed cheque, and that if you return the correct document you will receive £46,372. But the truth is that this is just a lottery. Vital Beauty hopes you will return the order form and buy its goods, which is what you started to do before sending everything to me. There is one prize of £46,372, and there will be only one winner. The so-called "guaranteed cheque" that everyone else will receive is a voucher worth £1.50 off your next order from Vital Beauty! Save your money.

Q My new PAYE tax code includes the letter "K", but people I work with have codes with the letter "L". Can you explain this? **BJL**

A Codes with L are the simplest, for people with the basic tax allowance. Replace the letter with the figure 9 and you will get the amount of annual income you can have before tax. K codes are more complicated. They suggest you have other income, apart from your main job, or owe some arrears. K codes are individually calculated to collect more than the normal tax on your main earnings.

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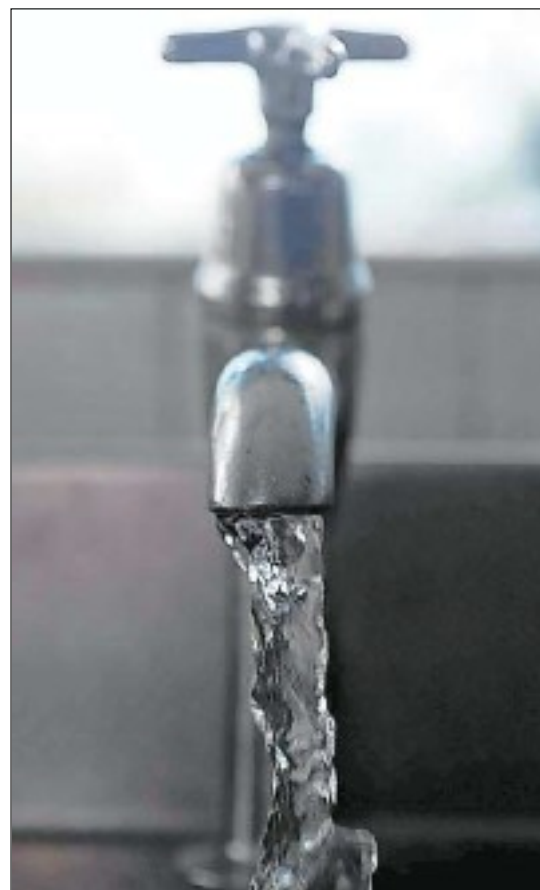
Help with water bills could be on its way

Water bills could be cut for the most vulnerable households under new plans announced by the government.

A consultation published this week builds on the findings and recommendations of Anna Walker's independent review of charging for household water and sewerage services and further analysis by regulator Ofwat on options for tackling bills in the South-West, an area hit particularly hard by high water charges.

Environment secretary Caroline Spelman said: "We know that some households are really struggling with their water bills, particularly in the South-West, where people are paying the highest bills in the country. "Our plans will increase the help available for vulnerable households right across England, with special help for people in the South-West who, through no fault of their own, are battling astronomical water bills during a difficult economic climate."

Proposed reforms include enhancing Watersure, a scheme that helps vulnerable households who pay for their water via water meters, by capping their bills at the level of the average bill for their water companies.



GOING WITH THE FLOW: Water charges could be reduced for poorer households under new legislation due to be introduced.

Under the new plans, bills would be capped at the national average metered bill if this is lower than the company's average, with the cost met by the government. There will also be guidance to introduce social tariffs. This will provide extra help for those

struggling to pay their bills by providing guidance for water companies on the design of tariffs, including which households should benefit, what level of cross-subsidy between households is fair, and what concessions should be offered.

Ray of hope for our first-time buyers

The outlook for first-time house buyers remains gloomy, but there is potential for hope on the horizon, according to a new report from a leading UK mortgage provider.

The Road Blocks and Ways Forward report from HSBC seeks to explain why the number of first-time buyers has dropped from around 500,000 to 200,000 across 10 years – and what can be done to increase this figure amidst such difficult economic conditions.

Research has revealed that more than 80pc of non-homeowning adults aspire to be first-time buyers, but fewer than a quarter of these people expect to be able to purchase within the next five years.

Key reasons holding prospective buyers back are difficulties raising the required deposit, insufficient income to support the mortgage, concerns over unemployment and concern over future falling house prices.

By ED FOSS
MyMoney24 writer

But the last of these was put forward by only 12pc of people – lower than some commentators would have predicted.

The current average first-time buyer house price of £136,842 is 6.6 times a young single person's average earnings of £20,654.

With lenders across the industry typically reluctant to lend more than four times income, this leaves an "affordability gap" of 2.6 times income, equivalent to £53,700.

In order to afford a 90pc loan-to-value mortgage – the maximum a standard lender will currently allow – a typical first-time buyer's home earnings would have to be £30,800.

Stuart Beattie, HSBC's head of mortgages, said: "Our study proves that the aspiration to be a homeowner continues to be exceptionally strong.

"More than 80pc of young non-homeowners are aspiring to buy homes but are being prevented from doing so due to a lack of affordable homes. The key to helping buyers back into the market is to help them obtain the cash deposit that responsible lenders require before granting a mortgage.

"To this end, both government and private sector interested parties need to come up with innovative schemes to help aspiring first-time buyers."

Ways forward could include expansion of government-supported shared equity schemes, changes to stamp duty to put the onus more on last-time sellers, and more help to bring empty houses into the market.

The HSBC report also said a return to more 95pc loan-to-value mortgages could be made possible by additional safeguards for lenders and borrowers, such as types of specialist insurance.

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WITH Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding day fast approaching, firms are being advised to make their work policy clear.

The big day has already been made a public holiday but the South East Society of Chartered Accountants has raised fears that employees planning to make the most of the day off could clash with bosses expecting them to work as normal.

More inside.



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Struggling Kent duo fall by the wayside

By SIMON ROBINSON

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TWO Kent firms have become the latest businesses to buckle as a result of the recession.

Refrigeration giant Blighline Ltd entered into administration after amassing debts of about £6 million, while commercial printer Thanet Press ceased trading and made all staff redundant.

Blighline's management team said they were left with no alternative having been badly hit by "deteriorating trading conditions and severe liquidity problems". Deloitte administrators were appointed on March 23.

Partner Carlton Siddle said: "We will continue to trade the business while seeking a sale as a going concern. The administration team will work closely with management, customers and suppliers during this time to ensure operations continue as normal."

Blighline bosses attempted to restructure the Canterbury-based business in 2010, taking the number of employees down from 200 to 120.

Their principal customer, Tesco, was said to have been "fully supportive" of the money-saving efforts.

However, the firm, based at Lakesview Business Park, Westbere, was ultimately unable to stave off administration. The company built up a £25m annual turnover through sales of refrigeration and display equipment to supermarkets and the catering industry.

Thanet Press had its accounts frozen last month by Barclays after HMRC served the company with a winding-up petition. Insolvency firm CCW Recovery Solutions LLP has been appointed to the business.

A Thanet Press statement read: "It is with regret that the directors of Thanet Press Limited announce that the business has ceased to trade with immediate effect and that the employees have had their employment terminated."

"This action has been forced upon the compa-



END OF THE ROAD: Blighline and Thanet Press have both buckled as the economy struggles

ny due to a reduction in sales arising from intense competition in the UK Print sector leading in turn to cashflow difficulties. The company's bankers, Barclays, froze all bank accounts last week following their review of the business's future. As a result, Thanet Press was unable to pay suppliers or staff

and the directors

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CCW Recovery Solutions LLP to advise them. There is nothing further the directors can add at this time, save to express their regret at being forced to take such action and to thank all staff, customers and suppliers for their commitment and support over the years."

A Barclays spokesman said: "The Barclays Business Support team, which helps customers

facing financial difficulty, has been supporting Thanet Press since early 2009.

"During that time we have worked closely with the business to support them through their difficulties and were in active discussion with the directors to find a way through the current problems. However, once the winding up petition was filed by HMRC we were obliged to freeze the company's accounts."

"We have worked hard to help the company survive and are committed to lending to viable businesses. It is our obligation to lend responsibly to businesses and provide support that helps them grow and thrive."

CCW partner Mark Newman will chair a meeting at the Holiday Inn Express, Manston, on Tuesday, April 12, at which the company is likely to be placed into creditors' voluntary liquidation. The company is due to face the winding-up petition the following day.

Micro-firms welcome red tape freeze

A THREE-year freeze on new UK regulation for micro-firms has begun.

The Government's moratorium on all new legislation affecting small companies came into effect on April 6.

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) welcomed the move but called on Government to push for similar changes from the European Union.

An FSB spokesman said 72 per cent of the total cost of UK regulation now originates from Brussels and that there have

been more than 100,000 pages of new EU regulations since 1997.

FSB Kent and Medway chairman Roger House said: "The FSB has welcomed the Government's commitment to help ease the burden of regulation on these businesses, but we are concerned that regulations coming from Europe will hit small firms harder and as a result they will feel the impact of these much more."

"If the burden of unnecessary regulation is lifted from small businesses, they would

be free to get on with creating wealth, jobs and growth. It is worth remembering that if only 50 per cent of the EU's small businesses employed just one extra person there would be an additional 10 million jobs."

"Micro-firms will be in a much better position to plan for their future, grow, innovate and take on new staff, without the worry of constant changes to the law, yet it is disappointing that some of the most burdensome aspects of employment regulation are not included."



ROGER HOUSE

Comment

THE Government's favourite post-recession buzzword is growth and, more to the point, how to stimulate it. The economy has been left in ruins, crushed in part by rising inflation, and companies up and down the country have struggled to make ends meet.

Two established and formerly profitable Kent firms – Blighline and Thanet Press – have gone out of business in recent weeks and many more will go the same way if they cannot rebalance the books soon.

The Government hopes its Regional Growth Fund will give the economy the shot in the arm it needs to get back on track.

Businesses, particularly start-ups, have been invited to apply for a share of the £1.4 billion funding pot.

Critics have argued that the fund is not large enough to reinvigorate the market and the fact that the first round of bidding attracted 450 bids, totalling more than £2 billion, seems to support their argument.

Prime Minister David Cameron has also launched his StartUp Britain campaign, which he hopes will give would-be entrepreneurs the backing, financial or otherwise, to go into business.

Students have also been targeted, with a new Entrepreneur First scheme seeing business-minded undergraduates given support and guidance with help from leading employers.

It will also pay for the creation of enterprise societies in every university in the country.

Chancellor George Osborne's second Budget was also full of growth-minded initiatives.

The 21 new enterprise zones, featuring relaxed planning laws and discounted business rates, corporation tax cut and additional apprenticeship funding, are all intended to give businesses a much-needed boost.

The question now is whether the Government has done enough to secure the growth it is desperate to achieve.

Businesses are still struggling to make ends meet and will continue to do so until customers' disposable incomes, shrunk by galloping inflation, begin to recover.

Bringing inflation under control is clearly key to the Government's growth goals and should be addressed as a matter of urgency.

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Still going strong after 80 years



LONG HAUL: Chalkwell has built up a 50-strong fleet since Harry Eglington started in 1931 with one coach, below

CHALKWELL Coach Hire and Tours has celebrated its 80th anniversary. The Sittingbourne-based business reached the milestone on April 1.

Harry Eglington founded what was then known as Island Luxury Coaches in 1931, with just a solitary coach to his name.

His son Clive, who has taken over at the firm, which now boasts a 50-strong coach and bus fleet, said: "It is with great pride that we celebrate our 80th anniversary."

"When my father started his business in Sheerness on April 1, 1931, with one 26-seat coach operating an express

service to east London, where he grew up, he had no idea what the business would develop into. In those 80 years we have developed services such as tours, daybreaks, schools and local bus, and London commuter operations.

"That said, we have remained true to his philosophy and remain a Swale-based, people-driven business with a dedicated staff of drivers, engineers and those who work behind the scenes in our offices. The growth and success we have achieved is thanks to the dedication so many have brought to Chalkwell over the years and the kind support of our customers."



Making policy clear before the big day



ROYAL WEDDING: But not everyone will be able to enjoy the public holiday to celebrate Will's and Kate's nuptials

BUSINESSES are being urged to make their Royal Wedding policy clear to employees ahead of the big day, *writes Simon Robinson.*

The Government has made Friday, April 29, a public holiday, giving workers across the country the chance to celebrate Prince William and Kate Middleton's marriage.

However, workers in frontline professions, such as nurses, have been told they must work on the day but will not receive any extra pay.

Others have been told they must apply for annual leave. The South East Society of Chartered Accountants (Sesca) is advising firms to make their policy clear to avoid problems.

Sesca president Malcolm Kimber said: "While millions are looking forward to the Royal Wedding, a row over arrangements for staff that have to work on the day is brewing."

"Communication is the key here. If staff are made aware of what the policy is, it can make for a splendid historic occasion for everyone."

"Companies have had a tough time lately and this includes staff, many of whom have seen hours cut and wages reduced."

"Businesses can use this opportunity to show they care about their staff and ensure everyone is paid what they are entitled to and allow them to partake in the royal celebrations if they wish to."

THE University of Kent has joined forces with Kent Connects under a new scheme to give business students a taste of working in the public sector. The link will see the university's Kent Business School's MBA postgraduates take up posts at a range of local authority organisations.

Under the Kent Connects MBA Cohort Programme, councils and other local authority agencies will benefit from the students' business expertise, while the students will gain public sector experience. Kent Business School MBA director Rajendra Shirole said: "This is a superb opportunity for students to engage with project challenges and deliver solutions local authority agencies."

"This relationship with Kent Connects and Kent County Council is undertaken as part of the MBA programme which enables students to work with local and national organisations on key projects."

"These provide real and relevant insight into how the sec-

tor is affected by economic challenges and changes.

"The projects also provide a collaborative approach for students to grow business connections, gain a deeper understanding of the challenges public sector organisation face, as well as sharpen their leadership skills."

"The projects are scattered throughout the region and will provide a range of exciting challenges for students."

Kent Connects head Carol Patrick said: "This is an innovative and exciting project enabling us to forge closer links with Kent Business School and its students."

"It is providing students with the opportunity to work on real topics and get a better understanding of the issues affecting local government. For the partners, the project provides an injection of critical thinking and enables a new perspective to be brought to difficult problems."

"We hope that the MBA Cohort will be the beginning of a long-term relationship between Kent Connects and Kent Business School."

AN AIRPORT business initiative has taken off at Biggin Hill. The LOCATE project aims to bring a diverse group of interested parties together in a collective bid to further develop business potential at the airport.

An airport spokesman said: "LOCATE is the name for a new business initiative that has been developed in conjunction with all landowners around the airport, aerospace partner companies based at the airport, the relevant local authorities of surrounding districts and Bromley council officers.

"The overall objective is to deliver on development potential at the airport for businesses, harness dynamism to enhance skills and competitiveness and engage with the heritage alongside a cluster of businesses at the airport."

A thousand people are employed at and around Biggin Hill, making the airport one of the largest employment centres in Bromley. More than £20 million of capital investment has been carried out at the airport since 2005 – and more jobs and investment are to come.

A SOCIAL enterprise catering company enjoyed a high-profile launch event – serving more than 1,000 diners at the O2.

The People's Food Company, set up by Whistable husband-and-wife team Tom and Angela Bonner, secured the catering contract for the Voice 11 social enterprise event.

The firm offers positions to those who may have experienced difficulty in finding work and reinvests profits into sustaining and furthering its mission for positive change.

Employees handed out snacks and refreshments to guests including Labour leader Ed Miliband and business secretary Vince Cable.

Mrs Bonner said: "It was inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable. It's so amazing to be able to go to such a huge event and give people a drink and a snack with a smile and make such a difference. We had the best time.

"The feedback we received was just so positive we can't wait to start planning for our next event. We have so many great ideas we want to try out and are just raring to go."

ONESAVINGS Bank Plc has opened its new-style blueprint agency in Strood. The Tolgate Lane agency, branded krbs, replaces the former Strood High Street branch.

OneSavings' chief operating officer Tim Sawyer said: "The new Strood agency represents a blueprint for all krbs agencies. Its design is a little different from what we traditionally had and is very much in keeping with our new-look business model."

The new agency can be found at Unit 2 of the Michael Gill Building.

A STUDENTS' Union has been named as one of the country's top 20 best public sector places to work. Kent Union, at the University of Kent, was ranked 19th in the Sunday Times top 100 list.

Just under 250 organisations competed for a place on the list and the views of 49,000 employees were canvassed.

Entrants were listed depending on their commitment to best practice and workplace engagement across eight categories.

Kent Union scored particularly highly in the My Company and My Manager sections.

A Kent Union spokesman said: "This is the third year that we have featured in the Sunday Times list and each year has seen us edge nearer to the top."

Pickles' chamber step given mixed reception

THE Government's local enterprise partnerships will be led by the British Chambers of Commerce, it has been revealed, *writes Simon Robinson*.

The new partnerships (LEPs), which will replace Labour's regional development agencies, have been set up to enable business and civic leaders to respond to their area's specific economic needs.

It is hoped the unique LEPs – including the combined Kent, East Sussex and Essex partnership – will drive forward growth and job creation across the country.

After announcing that the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) will lead the roll-out of the partnerships, local government secretary Eric Pickles said: "The BCC came forward with a very strong proposal and with its network across the country it is well placed to anchor business at the centre of new local enterprise."

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James welcomed the decision, saying: "This is a very positive step forward in the LEP process as it will ensure business is at the heart of the agenda. Kent Invicta welcomes the opportunity to work alongside the BCC to the benefit of Kent businesses."

However, some business organisations have raised concerns that awarding one organisation sole responsibility for the LEPs will result in wider business interests not being taken into account.

The Federation of Small Businesses Kent and Medway chairman Roger House said: "We are entirely supportive of the concept of a group which brings together LEPs."

"However, there is more than one business organisation on the ground, each representing different business sectors and with members working hard to make the LEPs a success by dedicating their time to develop them from grassroots level – something the Government wanted."

"For LEPs to be truly effective they need to

represent those diverse business interests. Simply picking a single business organisation to run it in this way, with no consultation with the rest of the business community, risks isolating both those businesses which are not a member of any body and those which are members of the groups that haven't been included."

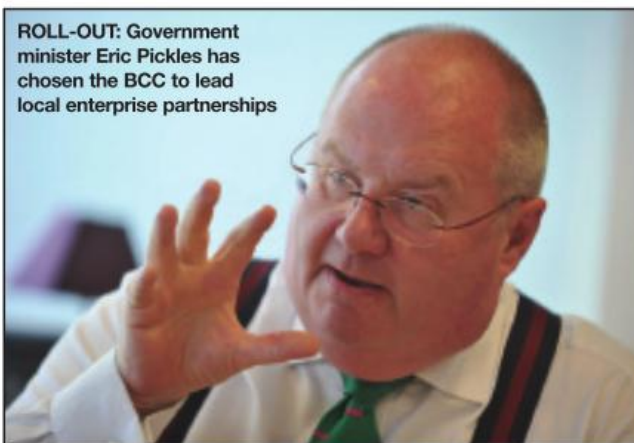
Miles Templeman, the Institute of Directors' director general, said: "We are surprised and disappointed the Government has appointed the BCC to head this £300,000 quango with no consultation or discussion with other business groups."

"We question seriously the need to spend £300,000 of taxpayers' money on a body whose

purpose is to lobby national government on behalf of LEPs. No case has been made to us for this arrangement."

Forum of Private Business chief executive Phil Orford said: "Many of our members still don't understand what Local Enterprise Partnerships will do to support economic and employment growth at a local level."

"To now discover that Government has been holding unilateral discussions with one business organisation to provide a national networking and co-ordination body for LEPs, without competitive tender is, frankly, surprising and disappointing and will raise questions about the localism agenda and public procurement policy."



ROLL-OUT: Government minister Eric Pickles has chosen the BCC to lead local enterprise partnerships

Growing into the role

EAST Malling Research has announced the appointment of Professor Peter Gregory as its new chief executive.

Gregory, who serves in the same position of the Scottish Crop Research Institute, will take up his new position from May 1. The academic, whose specialist interests include aspects of food systems and food security, with a particular emphasis on environmental change, succeeds Dr Mike Solomon, who is retiring for the second time from EMR, having first retired as science director in 2006.

Prof Gregory said: "I am delighted to be joining as chief executive at a time when fruit and food are back in the public eye. EMR's outstanding research is a key element of the UK's future food and farming excellence."

Delighted

"My role at the University of Reading will allow me to project EMR's work internationally and bring a new generation of students into contact with the practicalities and challenges of producing and marketing high quality horticultural foods."

EMR chairman Oliver Doubleday said: "We are delighted to welcome Peter Gregory. Following a distinguished academic career, Peter will be able to build on the great progress made by Mike Solomon over the past two years."

"I am confident Peter is the



TOP MAN: Prof Peter Gregory

person to guide EMR's exciting and continuing development as one of the UK's main horticulture R&D providers and extend EMR's remit."

Commenting on the legacy of Mike Solomon, Will Sibley, chairman of East Malling Trust, said: "EMR and the trust owe Mike an enormous debt of gratitude for not only his recent commitment as chief executive since May, 2009, but also the nearly 40 years he has spent at the research station. His work has strengthened its financial base and he has forged stronger relationships with other academic and research institutions."

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Tourism cuts concern

VISIT Kent has written to tourism minister John Penrose to raise concerns over the impact local authority budget cuts could have on the industry.

The county's tourism champion fears some of the 'glue' that enables destination management organisations to create successful partnerships could be eroded in current budget reviews.

Chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said: "Local authorities have a key role to play in underpinning the process of bringing various interests together.

"They help create a platform on which destination businesses can stand together, collaborate and interact in the task of delivering a rounded project to visitors.

"We call this a 'sticky' destination, where each part of the visitor's journey plays its part to support the next and where the visitor is encouraged to stay longer because of the myriad of elements to retain their interest and spending.

"It also works to support economies of scale in marketing, such as creating a joined-up presence at exhibitions and trade events."

Matthews-Marsh and Visit Kent investors met with the tourism minister in Dover last month.

While generally welcoming the Government's national tourism policy, Matthews-Marsh called for more to be done to enhance the UK's pulling power.

She said: "We are delighted that, for the first time, the tourism industry has been recognised by the Government as a sector in its own right and as a key driver for rebuilding the economy during the recovery."



GUEST: John Penrose MP with Visit Kent chairwoman Amanda Cottrell during his Dover trip

ery. These are challenging times and we need to deliver radical programmes and put in place the foundations that will enable them to succeed. To stimulate growth, we are backing calls from the Tourism Alliance for all historic properties with significant and covenanted benefit to the public to be eligible for lottery grants; we would like the Real Estate Investment Trust eligibility to include commercial visitor accommodation; and we want hotel building allowances brought back.

"Furthermore, we are calling on the Government to consider creating a level playing field across Europe for our industry. The UK is only one of three of the 27 EU member states which does not apply a reduced-rate of VAT to tourism services.

"A cut in VAT for our sector would make us far more competitive and could see UK tourism earnings increase by seven per cent."



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THE BIG INTERVIEW

I.T. hardware specialist Inspired Technology Services has enjoyed a stellar rise in its short history. The firm went from making a £20,000 loss in 2003 to a £6 million turnover in 2010 after increasing its number of clients from 20 to 450 during the same period.

The Whitstable-based computer company's change in fortune has been spearheaded by director ELLAINE MARJOLIN.

She spoke to Business Week editor Simon Robinson about how she helped the business blossom, despite being armed with just a telephone and a list of contact details.



Elaine Marjolin

MOST of the narcissistic yet incompetent hopefuls on BBC One's *The Apprentice* will at some point utter the cringe-worthy cliché: "I'm a natural-born seller" during their quest to join Lord Alan Sugar's empire.

They usually follow it up with something akin to "I could sell snow to the Eskimos" before spectacularly – and often laughably – failing to deliver on their brash boasts.

This is because selling is a difficult skill to master; consisting of a delicate combination of trust, persuasion, guile and guts.

The majority of would-be Apprentices find the job of parting the customer from their hard-earned cash one of the toughest tasks of the series, and the ones who fail to seal any deals are often quickly given the boot in the boardroom by Lord Sugar.

So it's no wonder the TV executives behind the show have shied away from a cold-calling telephone challenge – for my money one of the most difficult jobs going.

One person who would be unfazed by such a task is Elaine Marjolin, director at Inspired Technology Services.

THE 29-year-old has taken the Whitstable-based IT hardware firm from a position of losing £20,000 a year in 2003 to a turnover of £6 million last year.

And this was done initially with just a computer, telephone and a database of numbers at her disposal.

"I joined the company in 2003 and was just told to make it work," she said.

"At the time it was me and one other guy working in a horrible little office. All I had was a computer, telephone and a database of public sector bodies and councils, but I got on the phone and opened a few accounts."

The mother-of-two stumbled upon her natural sales skills, having entered the IT selling business after completing a criminology degree at Portsmouth University. Having risen through the ranks of the firm during the past eight years, elevated by ever-increasing profits, Marjolin has fine-tuned her sales technique.

"A good salesman has to have quite an inspiring personality," she said.

"You have to get people excited to talk to you and find a connection with the person you are talking to. You have to show a genuine interest in them as a person.

"It's also important to know your stuff, let the customers know that you understand their situation and give them confidence. If people feel confident in you, then they will buy from you.

"With regard to maintaining sales, you have to be honest. Don't over-promise and under-deliver, that's the worst thing you could do. The moment you do that the account is closed.

"If you say they're going to get it by Friday and you don't deliver until the following Wednesday, you are never going to get business from them again.

"However, if you say, 'We've got an issue and are not going to be able to get to you before Wednesday but

ELLAINE MARJOLIN: CV

- Degree in Criminal Law & Criminology, 2001
- HaHa Bar and Canteen Restaurant Manager 2000-2002
- Inspired Technology Services, director, 2003-present
- Active Life – fitness instructor, 2009-present

don't want to let you down', then often people will appreciate your honesty and stay with you."

Under Marjolin's guidance, the company has expanded its number of clients from 20 to 450.

Although working predominantly in London and the South East, Inspired also works with customers as far away as Aberdeen and Plymouth.

While clearly proud of her achievements, the director is keen to emphasise the hard work and commitment needed to stay ahead of the competition.

Speaking at the company's John Wilson Business Park base, Marjolin said: "We have hundreds of rivals, everything from giant one-stop shop organisations to little one-man bands. Competition is fierce, but we've got a very good reputation within the industry and where we've provided a service and people are happy they generally come back to us.

"But we have to be constantly cold-calling for new business because accounts dry up. It's about getting new customers all the time."

MARJOLIN comes across as a do-er; the type to get things done rather than stand back and procrastinate. She speaks without the gift-of-the-gab confidence often stereotypically associated with salesmen, but what she lacks in clichés and wafer-thin charm she more than makes up for in determination and enthusiasm.

"I'm very into my work," she said. "It's my passion.

"I'm very hands-on. I totally believe in being out there on the frontline with all the other salesmen. I think that's why we work quite well together as a team.

"We've done so well because we're all in it together for the benefit of everyone. We're like a family. It's that sort of mentality – all focused on achieving the goals we've set.

"I couldn't have achieved what I have without the team around me. We have fabulous sales and purchasing teams and great warehouse and in-house logistic staff, who all deliver an outstanding service."

Marjolin is clearly proud of her achievements at Inspired and feels businesses should employ more women in the top positions.

She said: "I think women have so much to offer.

Women are just as driven as men, have the same skills and can also offer a new way of looking at problems and scenarios.

"Sadly, I think there are a lot of talented women out there who are held back because of their bosses feel that they are going to be a mother sooner or later so they just employ a man instead."

of the ultimate IT girl

SEAL THE DEAL: Ellaine Marjolin and colleagues at Inspired Technology Services' Whitstable office



ELLAINÉ'S TOP TIPS

- Know your product
- Know your industry/competitors
- Remain focused and motivated
- Stay ahead of the competition
- Never over-promise and under-deliver
- Be honest and care about your clients' needs



"Luckily, I have a good working relationship with everyone here. I think having taken the company from a position of losing £20,000 a year to where we are now has made people take me seriously.

"But I think the number of women directors a company has should be based entirely on merit – you can't put any woman on the board just for the sake of it.

"If the right woman, who is willing to put the work in, graft and offer valuable opinions is available though it is only right that she is given a top job.

"The 25 per cent target for women on boards at the top FTSE 100 firms is a good figure, but I feel it should be a minimum."

Marjolin, mother to Alexia and Zeus, said she had worked hard to find the right balance between work and home life.

"My family is very important to me," she said.

"People say to me, 'how do you do it, how come you're not tired, how come you're so happy?' But I'm working for my kids, to provide for them so they can have whatever they need to be successful.

"My kids are happy. Of course, I would like to spend more time with them. It's hard to get that balance. I think I've got it right. I'm quite lucky because I've got a lot of family support."

Coming back to her job, I ask the dedicated director how tech-mad she is.

"While I'm interested in the application of IT, the latest gadgets are not something that particularly interest me," she revealed.

"I know everything about it and have to find out all about the latest technology, but I'm not that into computers and games consoles. I think it's all a bit excessive, but if people are going to buy it then I am going to sell it to them."



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FAMILY firm SW Doughty has been named the Best Butcher in Britain at the Countryside Alliance awards.

The Doddington-based business took top prize at the nationwide finals, held in London March 30.

Countryside Alliance chief executive Alice Barnard said: "I could not be happier for the Doughty family. This charming business has been trading in Doddington for over 150 years and the family has owned and run the shop and abattoir on its present site since 1919.

"Three family members and three local butchers bring over 100 years of experience to the business. Animals are processed in the small Georgian abattoir one at a time, the pigs are still

scalded in a tub and scoured by hand and all the carcasses are carefully dressed by hand and hung for a minimum of two weeks before they are cut to sell.

"The farming community values the abattoir service which those in the industry know is an increasingly rare yet important factor for animal welfare and quality. Doughtys go the distance for their local farmers, who they value and support to the hilt.

"The shop also plays a central role in its community. The character, friendliness and warmth of the team make Doughtys a special place.

"Traditional quality, customer service and the benefit of huge skill and experience in butchery makes Doughtys the out and out winner."



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Shifting gear and location with modern one-stop base



TC MOTORHOMES has shifted up a gear after investing more than £2 million in its new Herne Bay base.

The firm, which has traded in Kent for 22 years, made the move earlier this year after outgrowing the Broadstairs site.

The new two-acre motorhome and caravan centre boasts a display area fit for 30 new and 70 second-hand vehicles, sales and service centre and MoT workshop.

Owner Tony Chamberlain said: "We took on this site at Hillborough as it was a fantastic opportunity for us to vastly improve our facilities and offer our customer base the one-stop shop for all their motorhome and caravaning requirements.

"We feel we have the best motorhome and caravan sales and service centre in Kent.

"I am always looking to keep our standard high and to achieve this it's important to keep staff well trained, with the latest infor-

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mation and equipment to do the job.

"It's not cheap to purchase a motorhome or caravan, so it's wise to buy from a firmly committed company like us that has the technical ability and financial resources to maintain a consistent facility for years to come."

The company's service department head, Neal Kinsley, said the new on-site workshop enabled them to further support customers.

"It's important to have your motorhome or caravan serviced on an annual basis to make certain all the systems are in good working order. This enables you to get the maximum enjoyment from your investment.

"We are in the process of qualifying to be a approved habitation workshop.

"This is operated and governed by the national caravan council and ensures the quality of our workmanship is first class."

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Attracting investment can be make or break



PHIL BEAVAN: Innovation and Growth

SECURING equity investment is often seen as a holy grail among business owners, but the make-or-break world portrayed by Dragons' Den is closer than you may think, *writes Phil Beavan*, portfolio director with the Innovation and Growth team.

People seeking finance to grow and expand their businesses are essentially faced with two choices: using their own money or arranging some form of finance – either debt or equity.

But with many businesses continuing to report difficulties in obtaining support from their banks, is equity finance a realistic option for the region's businesses?

Kent boasts some active, structured and keen equity investors, people who are backing businesses now and always looking for new opportunities.

We are certainly always interested in talking to businesses who feel that equity backing is right for their business.

So what does it take to attract a potential investor and what are they looking for?

One thing that you most certainly do not need is a revolutionary new product or idea.

In fact, if it is a completely new concept or invention then the likelihood is the value of the business will be surprisingly low, unless you have sales going through.

A good understanding of your market is key as well as knowing how, and why, you'll attack it, and the abilities of the management team can never be underestimated.

A great management team will make a success of the most mediocre idea, whereas a poor management team will mess up even the best concept. The product or service is neither as interesting or as important as you think. If you are planning on speaking to potential investors, then you need to prepare a short but concise business plan, no more than seven pages. It needs to cover:

- What is the market opportunity?
 - Who are your competitors?
 - Costs, selling point.
 - Promotion and distribution.
 - Risks and threats.
 - Management team.
 - How much do you want?
 - How will the investor get their money back?
- As for the investors themselves, they are ready and waiting.

We have been approached by a number of business angels in the last few weeks who are actively looking for opportunities as they are in a position to invest now.



REFRESHED: Ramada Hotel at Whitfield

Ramada turning over a new Leaf with makeover

RAMADA Hotel in Dover is undergoing a makeover after a £500,000 investment.

The on-going improvements include a new restaurant, bar and lobby, together with the installation of flat-screen TVs and a new guest information system in all 68 bedrooms.

General manager Gehan Dias-Bandaranaikie said: "This refurbishment will enhance our reputation as one of the only prestigious branded four-star hotels in east Kent and will enable the Ramada Hotel Dover to continue serving local, corporate and leisure clients alike by offering competitive prices, excellent service and a warm welcome."

The hotel, just off the A2 at Whitfield, is owned by Leaf Hotels, which also runs the recently renovated Best Western Dover Marina Hotel & Spa on the seafront.

Heseltine will oversee growth fund bidding



BIDS: Lord Heseltine

THE second round of bidding for the Government's much-criticised Regional Growth Fund will begin on Tuesday.

Businesses can submit applications for a slice of the £1.4 billion pot, which is then allocated by a team headed by Lord Heseltine, pictured above.

The first £250 million RDF phase, which closed in January, attracted 450 bids totalling more than £2bn.

Lord Heseltine said the fund was

aimed at pumping money into start-up businesses, particularly in areas that have traditionally been reliant on the public sector to create jobs.

Opponents to the plan have raised concerns that the £1.4bn available is not large enough.

Labour has hit out at the fund, saying it is a poor replacement for their regional development agencies, which have been scrapped.

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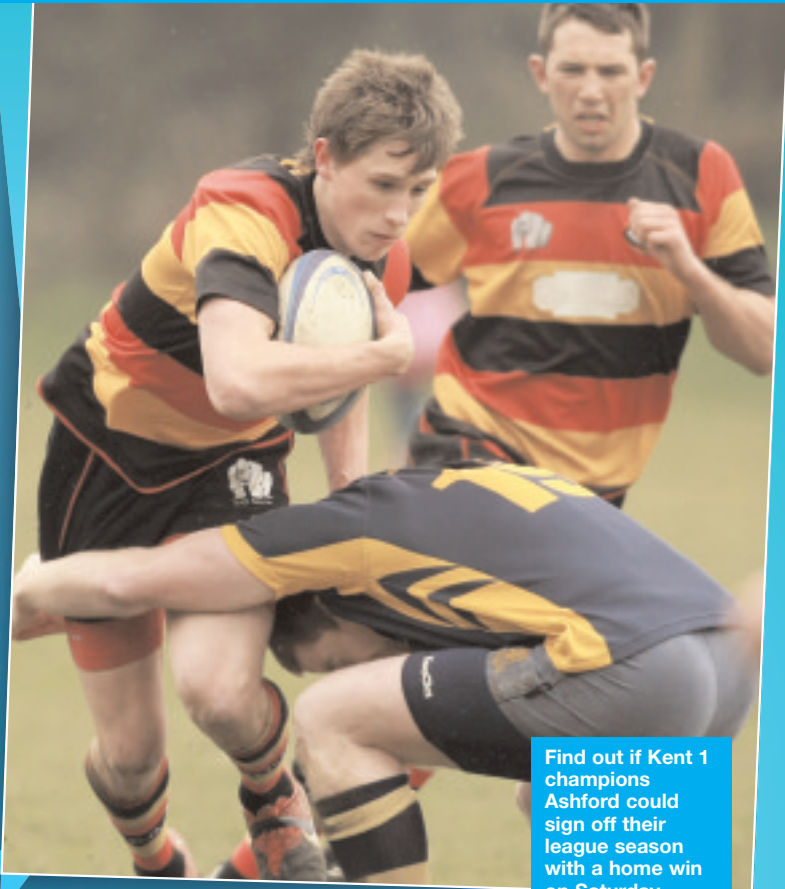
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